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Council Members Opt Not to Revote Request By Princeton Scouts

Borough Council last Tuesday night rejected Councilwoman Wendy Benchley's request to take a second vote on whether the Boy Scouts should be allowed to bag two meters by voting 4-2 to end a lengthy discussion of the issue.

At its November 21 meeting, with only three members in attendance, Council voted 2-1 to approve Princeton Boy Scout Troop 43's request to bag two parking meters — with the condition that the troop write a letter to Council attesting to its non-discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation.

The scouts wanted to have bags placed on the two Chambers Street meters that are in front of their Christmas tree sale in order to facilitate tree purchases and loading.

Councilmen Ryan Stark Lilienthal and Roger Martindell had voted to request the letter; Councilwoman Peggy Karcher voted not to.

In June, the United States Supreme Court affirmed the right of the Boy Scouts to ban homosexuals from leadership positions.

In a letter to Council dated December 3, Troop 43 officials said the troop does not make policy, nor does it advocate discrimination. The letter also said, "Regardless of our own personal views, we do not think that it is within the proper constitutional sphere of Government to compel us to sign a statement of protest or disavowal as a condition of obtaining a parking permit." Troop leaders asked Council to reconsider its decision.

Last Tuesday night's discussion began with Mayor Marvin Reed saying there was no reason to bag the meters, and that there was ample area in front of the meters where cars could pull up. "As long as someone stays with the car, the tree can be loaded, and the scouts can help," he said.

"I'm sorry I wasn't here for the vote," said Ms. Benchley. "It went beyond the bounds of what we should do at Borough Council."

She said that Council should not demand a letter or a public statement by the local troop protesting

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CONSTRUCTION DELAY: Work on the Township Municipal Complex, under construction at the corner of Witherspoon Street and Valley Road, is proceeding at a slow pace, as officials await determination from the Travelers' Insurance Company on whether they were justified in terminating the project's general contractor, Paphian Enterprises. A decision is expected next week, after which negotiations for a new contractor may take place.

(Photo by Charles Phor)

Bonding Co. Decision Due on Municipal Building

Township officials had hoped that by the end of this week, work could be fully resumed on the Township municipal building.

While work has not entirely stopped, there has been a slow-down since October 24, when the Township terminated its \$6.2 million contract with Paphian Enterprises Inc., general contractor for the \$11.8 million project.

A limited amount of interior construction has taken place, pending a decision from the bonding company on whether termination was justified, according to Township Engineer Bob Kiser.

Travelers Insurance Company of Philadelphia, the company that holds the bond, completed its investigation last Friday, December 8; and officials anticipated a decision early this week.

Attorney Ed Konin, who represents the municipality, told TOWN TOPICS, however, that he does not anticipate a determination from Travelers before Monday, December 18. "They have run into some

difficulties," he said, without elaboration.

There were a number of reasons for the Township's action, according to Mr. Kiser, including Paphian's failure to provide the state-required supervision of its skilled workers, and its failure to provide a project schedule for other contractors on the job.

Many required "shop drawings" [detailed information] for other contractors were not forthcoming, he said. In addition, the general contractor exercised no quality control. "Quality control was overseen by the architect, KSS; by Bovis, the construction manager; and by Township staff."

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April Referendum Would Enhance PRS Special Education Options

The needs of Princeton's special education students are getting a close look from officials designing a bond referendum for the Princeton Regional School district. [See story on referendum, page 7.]

According to Board President Charlotte Bialek, speaking at the Facilities Committee meeting of December 7, one of the goals of the building referendum — on which residents will vote April 17 — is to expand in-district instruction for special education students.

Changing educational practices for students with special needs, as well as the demographics of the district, mandate such expansion, she said.

The emphasis today, both at the state and Federal level, is to keep special education students in their own districts if at all possible, she added.

A successful referendum will make possible a major initiative in the instruction of autistic students, according to Charles Bryant, the

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against homosexuals or wom-
en," she said.

Mr. Lillenthal said he wished troop representatives had come to the meeting, since there are few areas of more importance than the issue of discrimination. Mr. Martindell noted that the scouts had decided not to be at the meeting.

"The scouts have indicted they must comply with national policy," noted Mr. Lillenthal. "The scouts in New York City have stated they don't discriminate. As an Eagle Scout I think it is incumbent on the local troop to speak out on the issue."

Councilwoman Mildred Trotman, who was not present for the November 21 vote, voiced support of the tree sale. "But if I knew the local chapter supported the national organization, I would never grant permission. Is it too much to ask the local chapter to state its position?"

"If we scrutinize religious and nonprofit groups that come here, we are walking down a very dangerous road," said Ms. Benchley. "Are we going to ask a church that comes to ask us to bag meters to recant its position on women or homosexuals?"

Town Topics to Publish On Tuesday Next Week

Town Topics will be published a day early next week, coming out on Tuesday, December 19, instead of Wednesday. Deadlines for new releases and display ads will be moved up to 5 p.m. Friday, December 15. The deadline for classified ads will be 3 p.m. Monday, December 18.

At this point, Mayor Reed told Council that the troop was not in a position to indicate in writing that it would not abide by the national organization's position on homosexuals.

"Such a letter would be public and would be noticed by the national organization," said Ms. Benchley. "Lots of Boy Scout troops have chosen to do this," said Mr. Goldfarb. "And they haven't lost their charter."

Mr. Goldfarb moved that the discussion be tabled. The motion was supported by Councilpersons Martindell, Lillenthal and Trotman. Councilwomen Benchley and Karcher were opposed.

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the national policy of the Boy Scouts, and that this is not required of other nonprofit or religious organizations that come before Council. "We don't bag meters for religious groups whose policies we would agree discriminate

"There are other organizations in town that hold positions I disagree with. As a woman and as a left-handed person, I have fought discrimination all my life," said Ms. Karcher. "The national group won the fight before the Supreme Court to do this. If we ask [the local troop] to correspond with us, it could lead to the revocation of the local charter."

Mr. Goldfarb noted that churches and synagogues that run programs in large cities must sign a document stating they don't discriminate. "It wouldn't inconvenience [the troop] to say they don't discriminate to the national organization. Don't lose sight of what we're talking about. This is bigotry in its most naked form."

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The fund, now in its second week, has so far received \$11,549 in contributions.

These monies will help people like Sarah, a single mother with three children who has not worked steadily for the past five years due to bouts of depression. Her oldest son wanted to go to college, and when Paul was accepted at the University of Delaware, she asked for help with tuition. The TOWN TOPICS Christmas Fund provided this help, and she and Paul were assisted in making a plan for successive semesters so that some of Sarah's income and the money Paul earned during the summer could be used for his education.

Paul is studying computer programming and worked last summer at a job that used his new skills. He has returned to school for his sophomore year, and his mother reports he is doing well.

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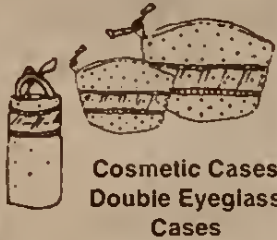
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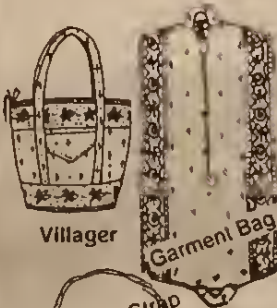
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UNIVERSAL LANGUAGE: Elaine Bejjani, harpist, and Pamela Taylor, flutist, performed songs of cultural diversity during the Tree of Light Ceremony held Friday evening at the Lewis School. (Photo by Charles Phox)

Issue of Where Patrons Will Park Is Focus of Arts Council Hearing

The question of parking moved front and center during the Thursday night Planning Board discussion on whether to approve the Arts Council's new addition. The meeting ended at 11:30, after representatives of the Arts Council had presented their case for receiving site plan approval with variances, but before the public and many members of the Planning Board could comment.

The hearing will continue this Thursday, December 14, at 7:30 p.m. in the Township Municipal Building.

Up for approval was the doubling in size of the present Arts Council, to nearly 20,000 square feet, through the construction of a three-story addition designed by Michael Graves. The addition, facing Paul Robeson Place, would include a 200-seat auditorium, exhibit gallery,

classroom, studio, library, and informal exhibition space.

In his presentation, Arts Council President Chris Ludwig said the group would be

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forced to consider another site should the Planning Board choose to scale back its addition significantly. He added that this was not a threat.

The Site Plan Review Advisory Board had recommended approval of the application with several conditions. One was that the Arts Council provide 24 parking spaces during the day and 80 spaces evenings and weekends.

William Wolfe, representing SPRAB, told the Planning Board that the recommendation to approve was a "close call," and that at least two members had opposed the project as presented.

Parking was identified as the "number one issue" by Borough Engineer Carl Peters, and as "the most important issue, along with the possible impact on the residential neighborhood to the north" by Borough Zoning Officer Frank Slimak.

Arts Council Planner Gerald Lenaz differed with Mr. Peters. He said the expanded Arts Council would require only 16 parking spaces during the day and between 19 and 29 evenings and weekends.

Palmer Square is offering to make available as many as 80 spaces in its Hulfish Street garage for use by the Arts Council for evening and weekend events, with the stipulation that it reserves the unilateral right to rescind such an agreement after giving six months prior written notice to the Arts Council.

Borough Mayor Marvin Reed said that no one talked about a 200-seat auditorium when the Borough sold the building at 102 Witherspoon Street to the Arts Council in 1996, and that at the time of the sale there were 25 parking spaces on the site. Although most of the spaces had been used by library staff, they became eligible for use by the Arts Council a year after purchase, he said. Only one or two handicapped spaces would remain if the

addition were constructed. "Whether it's 25, 50, or 100 spaces, this is a total waste of time," said Township Mayor Phyllis Marchand. "The Borough has to get off the dime and see that a garage is built."

"We have an understanding with library trustees who have a plan for how patrons will handle parking," said Mayor Reed. He suggested that the Arts Council might want to come to a similar understanding with the Borough, and noted that the Borough has never been approached on this.

Mr. Ludwig told the Planning Board that changes in Continued on Next Page

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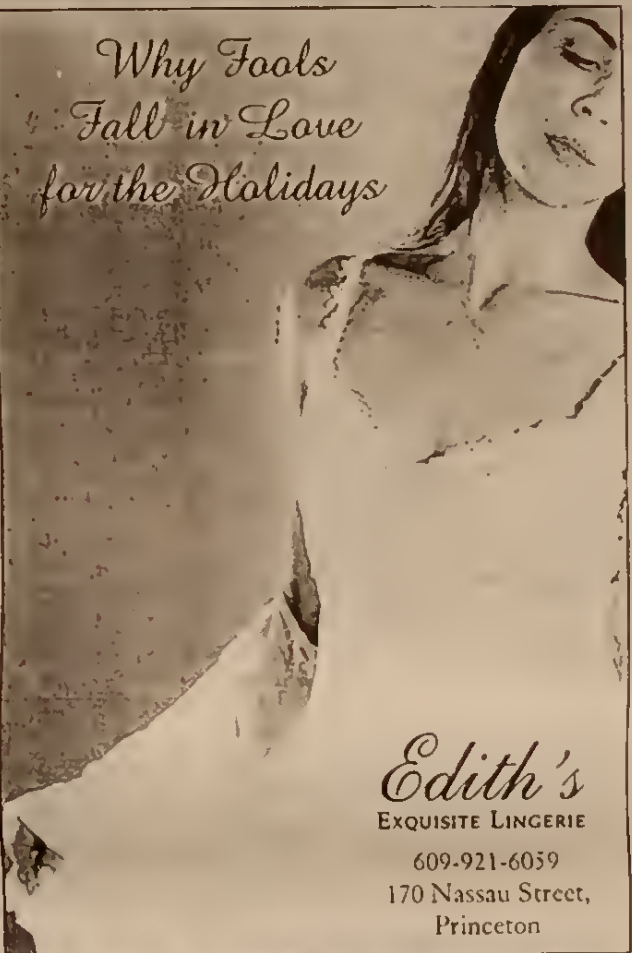
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Borough Council

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design had been made to minimize the impact of the addition on the neighborhood. The street level entrance to the new lobby will contain double doors; the gallery will be able to be viewed from the street, there will be a frieze on the theater wall; and a garden will be created on the Witherspoon Street frontage.

In addition, he said, the height of the addition was reduced by six feet, and the height of the screen surrounding the mechanical area was also reduced.

In his presentation, Arts Council Planner Gerald Lenaz said the Borough master plan makes a statement on the importance of encouraging cultural richness and mixed use. "The Arts Council has advanced the notion of the mixed use character of the neighborhood and created a desirable transition from Paul Robeson Place to the neighborhood," he said.

Finally, The Arts council's traffic consultant, Elizabeth Dolan, said she foresees only an incremental increase in the amount of traffic volume due to the expansion. "Taking into consideration the improvement of the intersection planned by the Borough, and the use of the drop-off area, I don't see much more traffic than is already using Green Street, in particular," she said.

—Myrna K. Bearse

Township Hall

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In several instances, Mr. Kiser noted, completed work had to be torn out and repeated. Building materials were not properly stored, he added, and some had to be re-ordered, including door hardware and gun lockers for the police station.

Despite the repeated work and replacement expenses, the cost of the municipal complex will not exceed the original bid price of \$11.8 million, which is guaranteed by the Township's bonding company — unless company representatives decide termination was not warranted.

"I am confident and comfortable that we dismissed Paphian for good cause," commented James Pascale, the Township administrator. "In my opinion, we have an air-tight case."

Once a decision has been reached, the Township will have to negotiate with Travelers about how to proceed. Travelers could choose to act as its own general contractor; or it could use contractors already on site, Mr. Konin stated.

"It is more common for the bonding company to take charge," the attorney noted. "Bovis Construction Corporation, the construction manager, would still oversee the project."

In the meantime, Mid-Atlantic Mechanical, the project's heating contractor, has installed and turned on new boilers; the plumbing contractor, Sganga Plumbing has been at work; and Brite-Way Electrical Contractors has completed electrical "rough work," according to Mr. Kiser. Castoro Construction of Hopewell has cleaned up the grounds around the building, as well.

Winter Exposure

The primary concern now is to enclose the building before winter storms begin. All the windows are on site, but have yet to be installed. The brick work must be torn out, re-cut, and adjusted so the windows will fit. There are sections of permanent roofing that also remain to be positioned.

"One of the reasons Paphian was let go is that the bricks were not properly fitted," Mr. Kiser noted. "Ed Konin has indicated that we can go ahead with or without the bonding company, but we chose to wait. Travelers will be free to choose contractors that it knows are good — and will not be constrained by having to accept the lowest bid."

Several Township officials have said they had misgivings about Paphian from the beginning. State law, however, mandates that municipalities choose the lowest bidder for capital projects — or be subject to litigation.

"I think the real culprit here is an archaic law that assumes government officials have no judgment," Mr. Pascale pointed out. "If we could do it all over again, I think we would prefer to take on the fight earlier, even if it meant litigation up front."

The original completion date for the municipal building was December 31. Delays caused by the problems with Paphian have pushed the date forward at least six months, according to Mr. Kiser.

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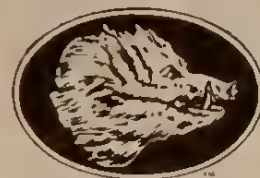
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School Board OKs \$74.2 Million Plan For Expansion

At a special meeting on December 12, members of the Princeton Regional School Board voted for a facilities plan that involves expanding and renovating each of the district's six schools for a total estimated cost of \$74.2 million. The proposal, recommended by the board's Facilities Committee, is expected to be the subject of a bond referendum that will be included on the school election ballot on April 17.

The board also authorized The Hillier Group architectural firm to submit information about the facilities plan to the NJ Department of Education, as part of the district's Long-Range Facilities Plan, required at the state department by December 15.

Two other proposals from Hillier had each involved demolishing the John Witherspoon School, to construct a brand new middle school. They were abandoned by the Facilities Committee as too costly, when it became clear that neither plan would substantially increase the number of playing fields. The cost, however, would have increased by \$20 million, according to Hillier Group senior associate David Hingston.

One of the schemes — tearing the John Witherspoon School down and building a new middle school that would be linked to the high school — had been vehemently



THE LEWIS SCHOOL CHILDREN'S CHOIR performed for family, friends and alumni during the 27th annual Tree of Light held Friday night at the school.

(Photo by Charles Phox)

opposed by neighbors and parents who argued against "mixing" junior high and high school students.

\$5 Million in Aid

Mr. Hingston said he thought the district could expect about \$5 million in state aid for the middle school, whether the construction was brand new or an addition to the existing structure. He also pointed out that a certain amount of state aid available for renovation would be lost if the middle school were demolished.

At \$74.2 million, the district can construct a two-story addition to the middle school that will house a "wellness center," including a new gym; and an academic wing, containing new science labs. The

center of the school will remain one story.

An arts center with access to the auditorium will be created in the B wing, on the northern end of the school; and a new technology center will be opened in the former kindergarten rooms. The library will be expanded, as will the cafeteria.

Plans for the high school include construction of a new science and math center, a fitness center, and an arts center. The older part of the building will be torn down, but the tower and auditorium, as well as the newer gym, will remain. The new centers will be contained in a two-story addition; and the arts center

will open on Walnut Lane.

At the Facilities Committee meeting last week, member Barbara Prince said she wanted to be sure that modern-day program needs could be met without new construction. She suggested a three-story middle school, which, she said, would free space for an additional playing field and at the same time create more space for today's classroom requirements.

"The first scheme modifies existing buildings to meet the curricular vision of the district," Mr. Hingston assured her. "It creates new science spaces, and guts existing [areas] to serve art, technology, and the practical arts."

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PRS Superintendent Claire Sheff Kohn said she felt the \$74.2 million scheme would serve the educational program well and would do it for the least possible cost. She would also recommend it, she said, because it was the most cost effective for taxpayers.

She pointed out that there will, of course, be additional operating expenses with expansion, and an increased budget. "The first scheme is the one that might be the most acceptable to all residents," she reiterated.

Underground Parking

To handle parking, The Hillier Group has suggested a lot beneath the performing arts center at the high school, with access from Walnut Lane. The price tag would be an additional \$2.5 million.

"It would be worth the price to have underground parking at the high school," Ms. Prince declared. "All in the community would benefit."

School Board President Charlotte Bialek said last week that she would support underground parking for the additional \$2.5 million, but she stressed that security measures would be imperative.

Board member Joshua Leinsdorf, on the other hand, said he could not support underground parking because he felt it would invite student misbehavior.

Resident Barbara Abramson, a member of the district's long-range planning committee — a predecessor of the facilities committee —



FOUNDER AND FRIEND: Cynthia Killiow, left, greeted Marsha Gaynor Lewis, founder of the Lewis School, during the 27th annual Tree of Light Ceremony held Friday evening.

(Photo by Charles Phos)

told members of the Facilities Committee she had spoken with Lieutenant Redding of the Borough police force to find out whether underground parking caused a crime problem in the municipality, and that his answer was negative.

"If we need supervision, we will supervise," she declared. "It is not an insurmountable problem; it will not inconvenience the neighbors; and, in addition to parking for the high school, it will satisfy the need for parking at the Princeton Adult School.

"When the discussion on renovating the district schools began two years ago," she continued, "one of the assumptions was that renovation would also benefit the community."

"Property values can only

improve if the district does what it needs to do," added the Rev. Frank Strasburger, board vice president and chair of the Facilities Committee.

—Anne Rivera

Man Arrested at Forbes; Stole Jewelry, Cash

Township police were called to Forbes College, Princeton University, on December 7 by proctors there on a report of a suspicious person being detained.

Derrick Carter, 27, of Trenton, was observed walking through the Forbes College dormitory turning handles of dorm rooms. He was not associated with Princeton University, and was arrested for trespassing.

Police searched Carter and found jewelry and cash,

which was determined to be stolen from dorm rooms. Investigation revealed that he was involved in a burglary that occurred at Forbes College on December 4. Nothing was stolen in that incident because Carter was scared off by other residents of the dorm.

In this instance, Carter was charged with two counts of burglary, one count of theft, criminal trespass, hindering apprehension and falsifying records (fictitious name on a document). His bail was set at \$25,000 full cash.

He was arraigned and remanded to the Mercer County Detention Center. Police said the case is still under investigation, and other charges are pending. At press time, it was not known if Carter was involved in the rash of recent computer thefts at Forbes College.

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Practical Arts

The NJ Assembly Education Committee approved a bill last week that would include practical arts in New Jersey's Core Curriculum Content Standards. Practical arts were not included in the core curriculum standards written four years ago, but the exclusion was not slated to take effect until September 2001.

The bill, sponsored by Joseph Malone III (R.-Bordentown City), would restore practical arts to the core curriculum.

At the same time as the bill's introduction, state education commissioner David Hespe announced he was forming a committee to study the issue of a practical arts curriculum. Whether or not Mr. Malone's bill passes, students can continue to count practical arts classes toward graduation for the next two years, while the committee does its work.

Insurance Inequities

Private insurers would be required to cover the cost of contraceptives and infertility treatments under two bills released last week by the NJ Assembly Health Committee.

"This is an equity issue," according to Carol Murphy (R.-Montville), sponsor of the birth control bill. "If nothing else, if you cover prescription drugs, you should cover contraceptives."

The committee also approved a bill sponsored by Assembly members Richard Bagger (R.-Westfield) and Neil Cohen (D.-Roselle) requiring insurers to pay for infertility treatments — also a matter of equity, according to Mr. Cohen.

The NJ Association of Health Plans opposes both bills, arguing that they would raise premium costs and that insurance coverage should not be mandated through legislation.

Smoking Ban

Smoking would be banned not only from school buildings, but from the grounds of schools, colleges, and graduate schools, under a bill approved last week by the Assembly Health Committee. A 1981 statute bars smoking in buildings only.

About a third of the school districts in the state have already approved such bans on their own. Smoking has been prohibited on all Princeton Regional School property since 1993; and the West Windsor-Plainsboro school board recently enacted a similar ban.

Megan's Law Online

The NJ Assembly unanimously approved a bill on Monday, December 11, that would create a state website listing names, addresses, and other information on convicted sex offenders. In November, New Jersey voters approved a referendum to amend the state constitution to clear the way for the Internet directory, by a 3-to-1 margin.

The bill provides for the state police and the attorney general to set up the website which would include the name, address, picture, work place, Social Security number, age, race, gender, height, weight and hair and eye color for each offender, as well as details on the crime and a risk assessment. Governor Christine Whitman supports the legislation.

New Jersey High Court

Two Republican lawmakers have proposed an amendment to the state Constitution to strip the state Supreme Court of its authority to rule legislative actions unconstitutional.

Assemblyman Michael Carroll (R.-Morris Township) explained that under his plan, the Legislature could — by a two-thirds majority — reverse any finding of the Supreme Court.

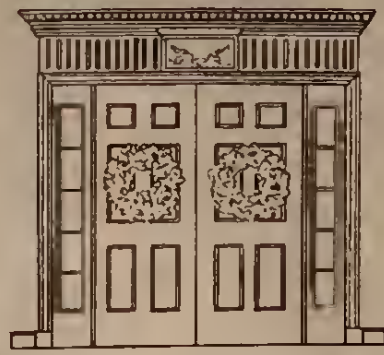
The constitutional amendment would require approval by state Senate and Assembly in order to be placed on a ballot for voter approval.

Death Penalty Moratorium

Death penalty opponents, including a broad coalition of New Jersey's religious leaders, have called on the governor and state lawmakers to delay executions while a state commission studies the fairness and efficacy of the punishment.

While no one has been executed in the state since 1963, there are 15 inmates on death row. In January, Assemblyman Alfred Steele (D.-Paterson) introduced a bill that would halt executions until 2003. The bill has not been passed, however. The coalition is urging action on the bill. Assembly Speaker Jack Collins (R.-Pittsgrove), said he sees no reason to schedule a vote on the moratorium bill.

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FOR SANTA'S EARS ONLY: Jennifer Jenkins, age 7, of St. Paul's School, has a private word with Santa during the Christmas tree lighting ceremony held December 1 at the school. (Photo by Charles Phors)

Borough Deer Feeders Target of Ordinance Introduced by Council

In what was called by Mayor Marvin Reed "a show of support for Princeton Township," Council last Tuesday night introduced an ordinance prohibiting the feeding of deer in the Borough. Last month, Township Committee passed into law a similar ordinance banning the feeding of deer by Township residents.

The Borough ordinance, which forbids the feeding of deer through ground-level feeding stations, salt licks, or other established and permanent means, is scheduled for a public hearing at the December 19 Council meeting.

"We have had an increase in the number of deer coming across the Borough line to the Township," said Mayor Reed in his introduction to the discussion of the ordinance.

"I have been following the deer problem not only in my own backyard but in the Township. It makes sense on a practical level to combine with the Township," said Councilwoman Wendy Benchley.

A cautious note was struck by Councilman Roger Martindell, who said he was sympathetic but did not support getting into a deer debate. "Knowing how emotional and time-consuming a deer debate is, I am reluctant to do this," Mr. Martindell was the only Council member to vote against introduction of the ordinance.

With a smile, Councilman Ryan Stark Lilienthal accused Mr. Martindell of "passing the buck."

Ms. Benchley, who lives on Boudinot Street, said she saw five deer in her backyard. Borough Clerk Penney Carter said she had recently seen a deer on Maclean Street, in the John-Witherspoon neighborhood.

"I have four in my backyard," responded Mr. Martindell. "That doesn't mean I feed them."

In other business, Council accepted an invitation to place Princeton on the route of the Salt Lake 2002 Olympic Torch Relay. Further information on the route and other plans will be available at a later date.

—Myrna K. Bearse

Auto Accident Injures One At Valley and Jefferson

A traffic accident on December 6 at 3:43 p.m. near the intersection of Valley Road and Jefferson Road sent one man to the hospital, according to Township police.

The accident occurred when a 1997 Chrysler, driven by Barbara Marrucoli, 43, of Skillman, drove through the stop sign at Jefferson Road and made a left turn onto Valley Road. Her car struck a 1999 Mercedes, driven by

Slon A. Boney III, 45, of Connecticut. He was traveling east on Valley Road.

Robert Ford, 17, a passenger in Marrucoli's vehicle, was injured when the passenger side air bag deployed during the collision. He was taken to Princeton Medical Center where he was treated for a facial injury. Marrucoli was cited for failing to observe a stop sign.

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BOPPING AT THE HOP: Ellen Clarke (left), and Sarah Rauch, both 11-year-old sixth graders, danced to the music of Mystical during Friday's All City Dance sponsored by the Princeton Alcohol and Drug Alliance at John Witherspoon Middle School.

(Photo by Charles Phox)

Man Is Arrested For Possession Of Marijuana

Borough police officer Ronald Wohlschlegel stopped a Dayton man on December 9 for not having a registration sticker on his license plates. During the stop, police found that the man, identified as Daryl Heath Charney, 23, had three baggies of suspected marijuana and a pipe under the seat of his car.

Charney was arrested and taken to police headquarters for processing. He was charged with possession of a controlled dangerous substance (marijuana under 50 grams), and possession of drug paraphernalia. He was released on his own recognizance and is scheduled to appear in court December 18.

A 22-year-old Witherspoon

Street resident was the victim of criminal mischief recently. Someone made a 10" scratch on the passenger door window and a 10" scratch on the right rear quarter panel of the victim's 1994 Ford. The antenna was also bent.

Burglary/Thefts

Someone entered a Princeton University employee's unlocked office at 213 East Pyne Hall on campus, and removed a wallet from the victim's desk. According to police, the theft occurred between 1:30 and 2:25 p.m. December 7.

Another university employee was the victim of a theft. In this instance, someone entered the victim's unlocked office at 217 Bowen Hall on campus and removed the victim's wallet from their jacket. The wallet contained \$50 cash, various forms of identification, a

credit and debit card. The theft occurred between 8 a.m. and 4:15 p.m. December 5.

A 27-year-old university employee and Township resident was the victim of a theft that occurred between 2 p.m. December 4, and 10:30 a.m. December 5. Someone entered her office at Wallace Hall on campus and stole her purse from her knapsack. The purse contained a \$50 "Kenneth Cole" wallet, which contained \$150 cash, credit cards and personal items.

A 64-year-old male was the victim of a theft of mislaid property on December 7. Police said he dropped his wallet in front of 256 Nassau Street. When he returned to the scene it was gone. The wallet contained \$500 cash and various identification and credit cards.

Township Crime

Township police reported two incidents of computer theft at Forbes College, Princeton University, last week.

The first incident occurred at the Forbes College Annex between 8:30 a.m. and 3 p.m. December 4. Someone entered an unsecured dormitory room and stole an IBM laptop computer valued at \$1,200.

The second incident, also at the Forbes College Annex, occurred between 9:50 a.m. and 2:45 p.m. December 4. Someone entered an unlocked dorm room and stole an IBM Thinkpad laptop computer valued at \$2,000.

Township police also reported several instances of bicycle thefts.

A Trek 800, silver bike was stolen from the Engineering Quad, Princeton University, between 8 a.m. and 5:30 p.m. December 4.

A Trek, yellow multispeed bike was stolen from 1939 Hall Courtyard on campus between 9 a.m. November 30, and 10 a.m. December 2.

A Schwinn, 21-speed mountain bike valued at \$150 was stolen from Jadwin Gym on campus between 7 a.m. December 1, and 7 a.m. December 8. According to police the bike was unlocked.

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State Approves Plan To Reduce Deer Herd Using Sharpshooters

The Township has gotten a green light from the state to proceed with a deer management plan that employs sharpshooters to curb the municipality's deer population.

A Township application to the Division of Fish & Wildlife for designation as a "special deer management area" was approved by the state's Fish & Game Council on December 12, as TOWN TOPICS went to press.

The detailed application, which was submitted on October 31, stipulates that a controlled hunt in January and February would be only the first phase of a five-year plan designed to reduce the herd to an ecologically sound total of 20 deer per square mile by the year 2005 — or a total of 340 deer.

Township officials estimate there are approximately 1,300 to 1,600 white-tail deer within the municipality now — more than 76 deer per square mile. Their plan designates the entire Township, a 16.5 mile area, as a special deer management area.

The application names the wildlife management firm of White Buffalo Inc., Hamden, Conn., as the organization that will supply professional marksmen to conduct the hunt.

Township Mayor Phyllis Marchand, who lobbied for the legislation that allows communities to establish deer-based management plans, said she was glad the

Filming Due Here in March On Movie with Russell Crowe

Hollywood is expected to return to Princeton, this time for the filming of Director Ron Howard's upcoming project, *A Beautiful Mind*.

I.Q., the lightweight comedy featuring Albert Einstein as matchmaker, was filmed in Princeton in 1994. But the new Howard film, which is expected to bring Russell Crowe and Ed Harris to the University campus in March, is a more serious endeavor.

A Beautiful Mind will primarily be a biography of John Forbes Nash, whose brilliant career was cut short by schizophrenia and who, after three decades of devastating mental illness, miraculously recovered and was honored with a Nobel Prize. It will be based on a biography of Nash, *A Beautiful Mind*, written by Sylvia Nasar and published by Simon & Schuster in 1998.

Saved from homelessness by his ex-wife, and protected by a handful of mathematician/friends, Nash lived quietly in West Windsor for many years. A familiar figure on the Dinky, he would regularly walk from University Place to Olden Lane to eat breakfast or lunch at the Institute for Advanced Study. Afterwards, he would wander back to the University, where he could be found either in Fine Hall or in Firestone Library.

It was only after he was announced as the winner of the Nobel Prize that many who had seen him on the train or walking through town realized who this dreamy, ghostlike figure was, and how important had been his contribution to mathematics.

three-year campaign was over.

Community Based Plan

"It has been a long haul," she declared. "Now we will be able to institute a community-based deer management plan that will help us in so many ways."

She said that despite opposition from groups like the Mercer County Deer Alliance and others she felt most members of the community support the idea of a controlled hunt.

White Buffalo, she added has an "extraordinary record and its safety references are impeccable." She added that in the course of the next few

years, if new research produces an immuno-contraceptive for deer that works, the Township would certainly be open to it and other alternatives.

Once the Township has received its official permit from the state, it will select dates for the hunt, according to Township Attorney Edwin Schmieder. The Mercer County Prosecutor's office has approved the plan, as required by law, he said. All that remained was the final approval by the Fish & Game Council.

Mayor Marchand said she

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A NEW WAY: Work is continuing on the construction of a new roadway to Bayard Lane for use by Borough police. This is part of the Borough's Monument Drive reconstruction project, which calls for converting Monument Drive into a pedestrian walk and includes major rehabilitation of the parking area behind Borough Hall.

Topics of the Town

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hoped that a hunt could occur as early as January, although the exact timing has yet to be negotiated with White Buffalo. At press time, she had not notified the Connecticut firm of the state's action.

Township Committee members have already approved a contract with White Buffalo that spells out terms of the company's engagement.

Consent Needed

No hunt will occur within 450 feet of a residence; and no hunting will take place on private property — or on public lands — without the owner's consent.

The application states that Township police will be sta-

tioned at all park entrances and along park perimeters where White Buffalo is conducting its operations; and that when the firm's marksmen are on private property, patrols will be augmented.


Marksmen will be paid \$60 per hour to "remove a sufficient number of white-tailed deer on the site to reduce the rate of deer-vehicle collisions by 50 percent in those areas identified by the Township as sustaining the highest number of deer-vehicle collisions. . . ." the contract reads.

Locations named in the plan include Mercer Road/Princeton Pike, Quaker Road, Route 206, Rosedale Road, Elm Road/Great Road, Cherry Hill Road, Cherry Valley Road, and Stuart Road.

The total amount to be paid to White Buffalo, including expenses, will not exceed \$90,000, from the date of contract-signing through March 31, 2001, according to the contract.


Mayor Marchand said she had received a number of phone calls from private individuals, offering their property as locations the marksmen could use. "I am happy we can be a community that other communities can look at and feel they can move ahead," she said.

—Anne Rivera



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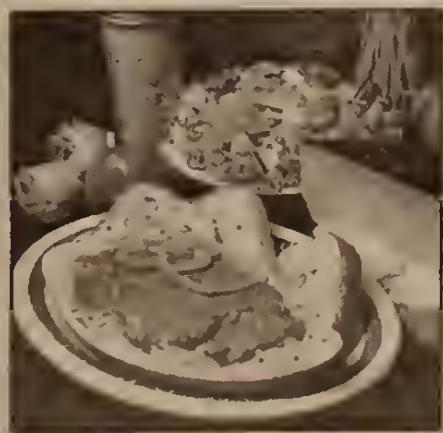
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Former Univ. President Receives Award

William Bowen, president of Princeton University from 1972 to 1988, has been selected to receive the 2001 University of Louisville Grawemeyer Award in Education.

Dr. Bowen, now president of the Andrew W. Mellon Foundation, will receive the award with Derek Bok, former president of Harvard University, for their book on the use of race-sensitive admissions policies.

In *The Shape of the River: Long-Term Consequences on Considering Race in College and University Admissions* (Princeton University Press, 1998), Presidents Bowen and Bok studied the academic, employment and life histories of more than 90,000 students who attended 28 academically selective colleges and universities throughout the country. They then systematically addressed many of the issues raised by critics of race-sensitive policies, looking at each supposition and analyzing the data to determine its validity.

They tackled issues such as drop-out rates and demoralization of minority students attending institutions under selective admissions guide-

lines, the effect selective admissions has on diversity and racial tension, and alternatives to race-sensitive admissions.

"Bowen and Bok have made an unparalleled contribution to informing the debate regarding race-sensitive admissions policies," said the Grawemeyer selection committee. "In an area in which discussions often get bogged down in a wind tunnel of rhetoric, this work represents a guiding light."

The two will share the \$200,000 award. Pres. Bowen is donating his share to Morehouse College in honor of Henry Drewry, former director of Princeton's Teacher Preparation Program and former senior adviser at the Mellon Foundation who started the Mellon Minority Undergraduate Fellowship Program.

Part of Quaker Road Is Now a One-Way Street

Since Thursday, December 7, Quaker Road has been a one-way road, northbound, from Parkside Drive to Route 206. Turns are no longer allowed from Route 206 onto Quaker Road at the Stony Brook Bridge. The remaining sections of Quaker Road remain open to two-way traffic.

In September, at the request of the Township Traffic Safety Committee, Traffic Safety Officer Sgt. Michael Henderson, and a number of residents, Township Committee members enacted an ordinance making part of Quaker Road a one-way street. The state Department of Transportation has just approved the one-way designation.

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The truck, driven by Peterka Frantisek, 41, blocked Quaker Road, causing it to be completely closed for approximately two hours. A wrecker eventually removed the truck.

Frantisek was charged with driving a vehicle that was over the specified weight limit on the roadway. There were no injuries in the accident.

Two Holiday Workshops Set for Kids at Library

The Princeton Public Library will hold two separate programs on Saturday, December 16, designed to provide fun for children while their parents attend to other holiday responsibilities.

Children from the age of 6 are invited to participate in Unplugged Toys, from 10 to 1. This session, in the library's second floor meeting room, will feature play with toys, such as Legos, K'NEX, jacks, blocks, board games, and other simple pleasures.

"This will be a delightful day of fun," according to Jan Johnson, director of youth services, "and no batteries are required."

While the library will provide light refreshments for Unplugged Toys, Ms. Johnson said, lunch will not be served. There will be time to get lunch between Unplugged Toys and the second activity, the Holiday Card and Giftwrap Workshop, from 2:30 to 5:30.

This workshop will also take place in the meeting room and will feature additional hands-on activities for children, 6 years and older. At the workshop, youngsters will capture the spirit of the season by creating their own cards and wrapping paper.

The library will provide paint, paper, stamps, and other supplies to create these one-of-a-kind decorative crafts; children need to bring only their imaginations. Light refreshments will be served.

Registration is not required for these programs, but those with special needs should call the library 48 hours before any program, to arrange for accommodations. For more information, call 924-9529.

Hospital Reports Births To 10 Area Residents

The Medical Center at Princeton has reported births to nine area residents for the week ending December 7. A son was born, as well, to Anna and Bill Clark, Pennington, on November 28.

Sons were born to Roger and Toni VanDermarcel, West Windsor, December 1; Christopher Hengartner and Leticia Vega, Princeton, December 3; and to Richardo and Andrea Stella, Plainsboro, December 4.

Sons were also born to Jeffrey and Nathalie LeTour-

neau, West Windsor, December 5; Kevin and Chleml York, Princeton, December 5; and to Henry and Jennifer Wilson, Pennington, December 6.

Daughters were born to Louis and Victoria Lombardo, Belle Mead, December 1; Qin Hong and Hong Yu, Plainsboro, December 3; and to Thomas and Gabriele Birle, Princeton, December 7.

Students Will Build Homeless Shelter Sunday

On Sunday, December 17, Habitat for Humanity and the Borough will sponsor the building of a temporary shelter at 1 Palmer Square, to raise money for the benefit of Princeton's homeless. The building crew will consist of students from the John Witherspoon Middle School, who will participate as part of the school's community service program.

"The house not only represents the need for shelter during the cold months ahead, but will teach the children a valuable lesson in community service, as they learn, first hand, that their efforts really can make a difference in someone's life," commented Cheryl Klein, Habitat volunteer and John Witherspoon School outreach coordinator.

The 4' x 6' structure, to be constructed by the school's students under the supervision of Tech-prep teacher Paul Skalka, will be erected between 9 and 5. Materials for the project were donated by Hamilton Supply.

Members of the community are invited to participate by making a donation, which will buy, for example a piece of siding for the house, which would be passed on to the building crew. The goal will be to complete the structure by the end of the day.

Local Fare from Princeton's kitchens

Mary Glazer

prepared this for the Town Topics Holiday Luncheon and it was a hit! The flavors are subtle and the presentation attractive.

Coconut Shrimp

- 1 lb. raw, cleaned shrimp
- 1 egg
- 1 tbsp. baking powder
- 1 cup spiced rum (or dark rum)
- 1/8 tsp. each of cinnamon, nutmeg and cloves
- 1/2 pkg. shredded coconut
- 1/2 cup flour
- 1/4 cup breadcrumbs
- 1/8 cup sweetened coconut milk
- 4 inches of oil



Boil the cleaned shrimp for 45 seconds. Remove, plunge into ice water, and drain. Chill. Mix the egg and spiced rum with the cinnamon, nutmeg and cloves, along with the baking powder and coconut milk. Chill. Heat 4 inches of oil. Combine in a small bag the coconut and breadcrumbs. Chill. Combine in a second bag, the flour and chilled shrimp. Shake. Remove a handful of shrimp, drop into chilled rum batter, remove with slotted spoon, and shake in bag with coconut mixture. Drop into hot oil, and fry a minute or so until golden, and drain. It is important that the oil be very hot and the shrimp be very cold. Continue in small batches until all the shrimp are done. Shake any remaining coconut mixture into the oil, fry until crispy, drain, and sprinkle over the cooked shrimp. Serve hot or cold with duck sauce or a yogurt/curry/chutney mixture.

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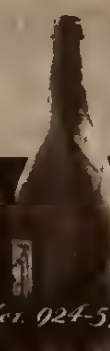
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Borough police are seeking four white males between the ages of 16 and 18 who they believe may be connected to a criminal mischief and burglary incident that occurred between June 1 and December 4.

Police responded to 13, 15, 17, 19 and 21 Olden Street on December 4 on a report that someone caused damage there. Police said Princeton University owns the unoccupied properties (two buildings that are divided into five rental units).

Maintenance personnel saw that someone had broken numerous doors and windows of the properties. Upon checking inside, workers found holes in the walls between 17 and 19 Olden Street. Anyone can walk through the holes, gaining access from one unit to another.

Police said two electric heaters, drug paraphernalia (a bong and a pipe), and a radio were found in a second floor bedroom of 19 Olden Street. When maintenance personnel discovered the damage, they saw the four males exit one of the units. When they yelled out to them, the suspects ran away on William Street.

Three of the suspects were described as being 5'7" tall,

Three-Part Seminar Series To Help Parents Help Kids

Starting January 22, the Princeton Regional Schools' Office of Curriculum and Instruction will sponsor a three-part seminar series, "Parents on Board," designed to give parents of youngsters in grades K-7, the information and skills they need to help their children succeed both in school and out. The registration deadline is December 22.

Studies show that parental involvement in a child's education is an essential ingredient to the child's success, both in school and out.

"Parents on Board" instructor Michael Katz, a licensed clinical social worker and family leadership counselor, has been working with families and teaching "parenting education" courses for more than 25 years.

The "Parents on Board" sessions will take place in the John Witherspoon School Library, from 7:30 to 9 p.m., on consecutive Mondays, and will focus on particular strategies parents can use to help their children succeed in school and in life.

The dates and topics are: January 22, "Preparing Your Child to Succeed"; January 29, "Encouraging Positive Behavior"; and February 5, "Reinforcing Your Child's Academic Skills."

For more information, call Caroline L. Mitchell, home and school liaison for the Princeton Regional Schools, at 924-5621. There is no charge for the seminar.

and the other was approximately 5'4", with orange hair. All were carrying backpacks.

Princeton Foundation Gives Four Violin Scholarships

The Markow Totevy Foundation of Princeton has granted four violin study scholarships to European students. The foundation's president is Georges Markow Totevy, of Princeton and Paris, who was formerly on the Princeton University faculty.

Summer scholarships were awarded to two Bulgarian violinists, Vessellina Manikova and Elena Kodin. They will spend a month at the American Conservatory in Fontainebleau, France, whose administrative director is Therese Casadesus-Rawson. She is the daughter of the late Gaby and Robert Casadesus, Princeton residents from 1940 to 1970.

Two-year scholarships were given to two French violin students, Stephanie Moraly and Aude Puccetti-Palmieri, to study at a music school in the United States.

The Markow Totevy Foundation is the only existing foundation to make available scholarships to young French violinists desiring to continue their instrumental studies in the United States.

AARP Seeks Volunteers For Tax-Aide Program

AARP's Tax-Aide program, which provides free tax help to low and moderate income taxpayers is recruiting volunteer tax counselors for the February-to-April tax season. Tax-Aide volunteers are specially trained, in cooperation with the IRS and New Jersey State Income Tax Department, to complete the required tax forms.

"AARP Tax-Aide volunteers come from many backgrounds," according to Jim Cruikshank, Princeton resident, a Tax-Aide coordinator in Mercer County. "All share certain qualities that make them successful Tax-Aide volunteers: they enjoy helping other people; they like to work with numbers; they are dependable and accurate; and they know how important it is to protect the confidentiality of taxpayer information."

Volunteers are not required to be members of AARP, or to be retired. Volunteer opportunities are available on evenings and weekends for those who work during the day.

Training classes, which require home study and class participation, will begin on January 11. For more information on how to become an AARP Tax-Aide volunteer, call 655-4358.

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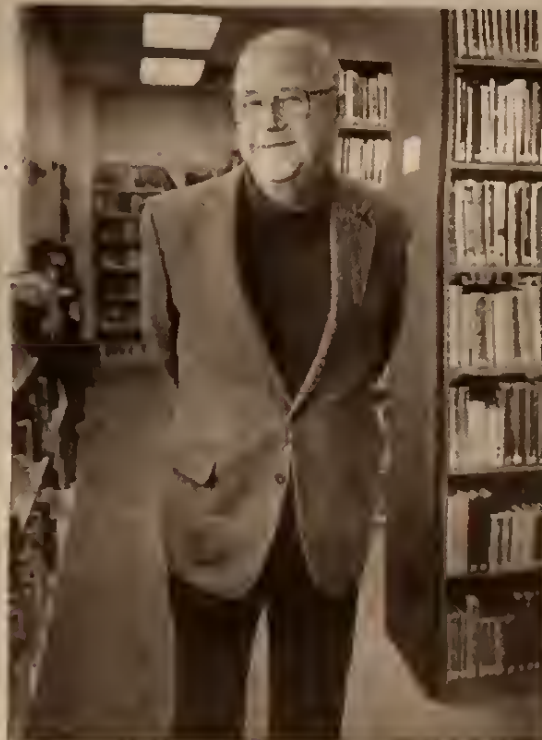
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PEOPLE

President Clinton named 59 young researchers—including **Zhihong Lin**, South Stanworth Drive, a scientist at the U.S. Department of Energy's Princeton Plasma Physics Laboratory (PPPL)—as recipients of the fifth annual Presidential Early Career Awards for Scientists and Engineers (PECASE).

This award is the highest honor bestowed by the United States government on young professionals at the outset of their independent research careers. The researchers received their awards during a White House ceremony.

Established by President Clinton in February 1996, the award embodies the high priority the Administration places on producing outstanding scientists and engineers ready to contribute to



Zhihong Lin

all sectors of the economy. Eight Federal departments and agencies join together annually to nominate the most meritorious young scientists and engineers who will broadly advance the science and technology that will be of the greatest benefit to fulfilling the agencies' missions.

Dr. Lin received a bache-

lor's degree in physics from Beijing University in China in 1989. He came to PPPL in 1990 as a graduate student and joined the research staff in 1997 after receiving a Ph.D. in plasma physics from Princeton University in 1996.

He is a recipient of PPPL's 1999 Kaul Foundation Prize for Excellence in Plasma Physics and Technology Development and of the Department of Energy's Fusion Energy Postdoctoral Fellowship (1996).

Princeton resident **Mendy Fisch**, a seventh grade student at Princeton Day School, recently won a \$1,000 savings bond for his performance in the national "Chips Ahoy Reach for the Stars Math Challenge," held in Philadelphia.

Mendy was one of three finalists in his age group selected to participate in the competition, in which he placed second.



Mendy Fisch

Two Princeton residents — **Sean Wifentz**, Edgehill Road, and **James McPherson**, Randall Road — are among 28 historians who have contributed chapters to an anthology called *American Places: Encounters with History*. Each writer describes a personal encoun-

ter with an important American place.

The chapter by Professor Willentz, Dayton-Stockton Professor of History and director of the program in American Studies at Princeton University, may be of particular interest to area residents. It is entitled "Nassau Hall, Princeton University."

Writing about a location that is equally significant, although not as familiar to Princetonians, Professor McPherson focuses on "Gettysburg."

Winner of the Pulitzer Prize for his book *Battle Cry of Freedom: The Civil War Era*, and the Lincoln Prize for *For Cause and Comrades: Why Men Fought in the Civil War*, Professor McPherson has taught at Princeton since 1962.

American Places, published by Oxford, is edited by William E. Leuchtenburg, professor of history at the University of North Carolina. The book costs \$30.



Michele Darling, Arreton Road, executive vice president, corporate governance and human resources at Prudential Insurance Company of America, was recently installed as a Fellow of the National Academy of Human Resources.

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Special Education

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district's director of special services. One class for autistic children at the third to fifth grade level now meets at Riverside School, Mr. Bryant said. Five youngsters are enrolled.

"We want to expand instruction to include children from pre-kindergarten through 12th grade," the director explained. "Our belief is, we should be able to serve 18 students at Riverside, and to eventually expand the program to the middle school and the high school."

The plan is to hold three classes at Riverside — for pre-kindergarten children; for children in kindergarten through the second grade; and for children in third through fifth grade.

"We have space limitations now that make it impossible to expand," Mr. Bryant said. "The referendum offers us the opportunity to create a program for children, from the moment they are identified as autistic — and to assure that they will be educated in the district throughout their schooling."

He noted, also, that in the field of special education, age is less a determining factor for placement than is the developmental level at which each child operates. The first focus must be on continuing the education of students already enrolled in the autism class, Mr. Bryant declared, and then on adding earlier levels.

The autism program at Riverside is in its third year, he continued; and students in it have benefitted enormously from their exposure to mainstream education. "There are, of course, autistic children in the district who will require something more than we can provide," he observed.

Special education services are expensive, whether they occur in Princeton Regional schools or outside the district, Mr. Bryant emphasized. He estimated the costs of educating an autistic child in a special school to be approximately \$45,000 per pupil annually, plus transportation. In-district, he said, the cost would total about \$30,000 per student.

The financial benefits are obvious; educational advantages to the autistic child — and to other children — are equally important, he suggested.

Multiple-Handicapped Classroom

Each of the elementary schools has its own program for children with special needs, whether it is resource rooms, or — as at Community Park and Johnson

Park Schools — a resource room and a self-contained classroom.

Passage of the referendum would make possible the addition of a special education room at Littlebrook School for students with multiple handicaps. It would be used either for pre-school children or for older students, Mr. Bryant explained, depending on need.

Both the Federal government and the state of New Jersey mandate the education of pre-school children with special needs. The district pays for pre-school children to attend area nursery schools, Mr. Bryant said. Professionals from the Mercer County Special Services district assist the nursery school teachers.

The classroom at Littlebrook will have to be somewhat flexible, he noted. "The district

"We have both an educational and a financial responsibility to bring students back to the district,"

needs to look at clusters of low-incident handicapped students," he said. "The autistic population here is relatively stable, but other needs change. When we

have the room at Littlebrook, we will determine its use."

He added that a cluster of students with multiple disabilities was identified ten years ago. They have proceeded through the school system as a class, and are now at the high school. "They are 17 and 18 years of age," Mr. Bryant said. "They have minor physical problems, maybe some cognitive issues, and minor autistic symptoms."

Out of District More Costly

There are no other classes for those with multiple handicaps in the district. "Currently, there is a cluster of students who are educated out of district at a cost of approximately \$25,000 per pupil," Mr. Bryant stated. "If they were educated in the district, the cost would be about \$18,000 per student."

Of the 407 Princeton students requiring some form of special education, Mr. Bryant said, 90 are receiving it outside the district. "If you remove the pre-school population, 10 to 15 students with multiple handicaps could benefit from returning to the district," he pointed out. "Over time, that number could grow to 30."

"We have both an educational and a financial responsibility to bring students back to the district," stated Facilities Committee chair Frank Strasburger last week.

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MUNICIPAL JUDGE: Township Mayor Phyllis Marchand recognizes Russell Annich for his 10 years of service to the Township as municipal court judge, during the Township's holiday party for employees on December 6.

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POLICE LONGEVITY: Township Police Chief Anthony Gaylord was honored for his 35 years on the municipal police force, at the Township's holiday party, December 6.

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RECREATION DEPARTMENT: With Township Mayor Phyllis Marchand at the Township's holiday party were Recreation Department Director Jack Roberts and Administrative Secretary Marianne Tamasi. Ms. Tamasi was honored for 25 years with the department, while Mr. Roberts celebrated 30 years.

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Jewish History Exhibit Draws Record Attendance

The Historical Society of Princeton reports that its current exhibition at Bainbridge House, "Old Traditions, New Beginnings: Celebrating 250 Years of Princeton Jewish History," is drawing record attendance through its first three months.

The exhibition, a joint sponsorship with The Jewish Center of Princeton, has been seen by more than 7,000 since it opened last June. The show will continue through March of this year.

The history of Princeton's Jewish community is another in a series of highly acclaimed exhibitions the Historical Society has presented over the past four years on Princeton's diverse ethnic communities. Culturally, academically and professionally, these groups have played influential roles in Princeton's rich history, said Gail Stern, executive director of the Historical Society.

One section of the multi-dimensional show of documents, photographs and artifacts is devoted to Albert Einstein, the world-renowned physicist and Nobel Prize winner, who took up residence in

Princeton in 1933. He was actively engaged in aiding refugees escaping from Nazi Germany and after the war served as honorary chairman of the Princeton United Jewish Appeal.

Among the memoirs featured on audiotape is the reminiscence of May Dolsky Braidman, whose parents' stationery store on Nassau Street was frequented by Einstein.

"Our most famous customer," she recalls, "was Albert Einstein. Often, when he came into the store, he would stand in silent thought after my mother asked if she could help him. Finally, with an apologetic smile, he would ask to use the telephone to call his wife. 'Liebchen,' he would say, 'why did I come to Dolsky's store?'"

The hours of the show, which is free, are Tuesday through Sunday from noon to 4 p.m.

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OBITUARIES

Melvin B. Gottlieb, a physicist, who was an international leader in the field of research on fusion energy, died on December 1 in Haverford, Pa. He was 83.

Dr. Gottlieb, educated at the University of Chicago, spent much of his career at Princeton University where he was Professor of Astrophysical Sciences and from 1961-1980 Director of the Princeton Plasma Physics Laboratory, taking over from Lyman Spitzer.

The Laboratory is the largest facility in the United States studying the physics of the high temperature gases, called plasmas, which are used to create fusion energy.

Dr. Gottlieb led the Laboratory at a very exciting time. In the mid 1960's initial experimental results from the Soviet Union pointed to a new path to the very high temperature plasmas, or ionized gases, needed for making fusion energy. Under Dr. Gottlieb's leadership the Laboratory took the international lead in extending these results, passing quickly through three generations of highly successful "tokamak" experiments. The Tokamak Fusion Test Reactor, whose construction started under Dr. Gottlieb, created plasmas at nearly a billion degrees Fahrenheit, and made more than 10 million watts of fusion power.

Dr. Gottlieb, known as Mel to everyone, is remembered as much for his warm personal style as for his insightful scientific leadership. His thoughtfulness and calm — often expressed by putting his reassuring arm around the shoulder of an over-stressed researcher — is a cherished memory at the Princeton Plasma Physics Laboratory.

Dr. Gottlieb devoted considerable time during his career to working toward better understanding and cooperation with other nations in the development of fusion power. The fusion program at Princeton was classified until 1958. Thereafter the program became international, involving cooperation and sharing of information. Laboratory personnel including Dr. Gottlieb made frequent trips to meet with scientists abroad and encouraged extended visits here by for-



Melvin B. Gottlieb

eign scientists.

During his tenure as Director at the Princeton Plasma Physics Laboratory, Dr. Gottlieb was also involved in high-level discussions with government officials responsible for energy policy in many countries, including France, England, Germany, Italy, Norway, Japan, China, South Korea, Spain, Brazil, Canada, U.S.S.R., and the European Economic Community.

He was a member of the U.S. Fusion Power Coordinating Committee; the U.S.-U.S.S.R. Joint Committee on Atomic Energy; the U.S.-People's Republic of China Committee on Fusion Cooperation; the U.S.-Japan Fusion Cooperation Committee. In 1971 he was a recipient of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO) Senior Foreign Fellowships in Science.

At the national level Dr. Gottlieb was active in many organizations whose purposes included finding alternative safe sources of energy. He had a long association with the American Physical Society and was founder and first chairman of its Plasma Physics Division. In 1980 he was vice chairman of its panel on Public Affairs (POPA). He was also a member of the American Nuclear Society and of Scientists and Engineers For Safe Energy.

After his retirement from the Laboratory, Dr. Gottlieb continued consulting in his field and, from 1980 to 1992, served as chairman of the Nuclear Oversight Committee of the Public Service Electric and Gas Company of New Jersey.

Among Dr. Gottlieb's community activities in Princeton were: board membership of the Child Guidance Center and of the Council of Community Services. He was chairman of the Joint Recreation Commission in the early days of the development of Community Park and was instrumental in achieving the construction of the Community Park Swimming Pool. Also, he organized and chaired the Princeton Community Democratic Organization when it was founded.

The Gottliebs lived in Princeton from 1954 to 1997 when they moved to the Quadrangle in Haverford, Pa.

Dr. Gottlieb is survived by his wife, whom he married in 1948; his daughter, Paula Bastian, of Cedar Run, and two grandchildren. He was pre-deceased by his daughter, Martha, who died in an automobile accident in 1987.

Stanley Kronenberg, 73, of Montgomery, died December 9 at home.

Born in Poland, he lived in Skillman since 1953.

He was a research scientist for the U.S. Army at Fort Monmouth.

He earned a Ph.D. from the University of Vienna.

Son of the late Ferdinand and Eugenie Kronenberg, he is survived by his wife of 47 years, Eva Kroupa Kronenberg; a son, Eric of Bedford, N.Y.; a daughter, Olga Kronenberg of Montgomery; and two grandchildren.

Memorial service will be Thursday at 11 a.m. at All Saints' Church, Princeton.

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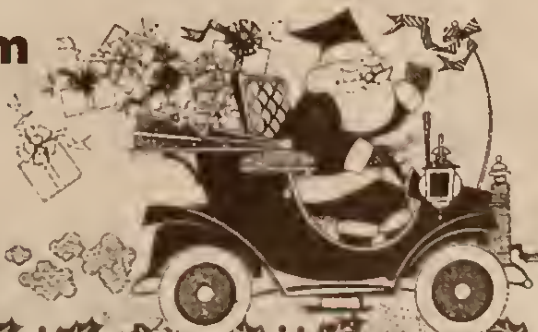
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Marius Berthus Jansen, Mt. Lucas Road, died Sunday, December 10. He had been Emeritus Professor of Japanese History since his retirement from Princeton University in 1992.

Born in the Netherlands in 1922, Prof. Jansen grew up in Massachusetts and received his undergraduate education at Princeton, where he majored in European history of the Renaissance and Reformation eras. He is a member of the Class of 1944, earning his A.B. degree in 1943.

He graduated Summa Cum Laude and was elected to Phi Beta Kappa.

Following three years of military service devoted to the study of Japanese, and including service in Okinawa and the initial year of the Allied Occupation of Japan, he turned his interests from European to Japanese history, after which he studied for his doctorate at Harvard University under the direction of John K. Fairbank and Edwin O. Reischauer, who was later U.S. Ambassador to Japan.

Prof. Jansen began his teaching career at the University of Washington in 1950 and moved to Princeton in 1959 as Professor in the departments of History and Oriental Studies.

He was one of a small group of specialists in the study of Japan who deepened the American understanding of Japanese history and helped introduce Japan into college and university curricula.



Marius B. Jansen

His students in turn fanned out to develop Japan studies throughout the United States.

Society Affiliations

He was also active on committees for learned societies, for the Fulbright Commission, in the Association for Asian Studies, to which he was elected President in 1977, and for the Japan Foundation, whose American Committee he chaired for 17 years.

He was a member of the Council on Foreign Relations and of the American Academy of Arts and Sciences, and was recognized for his contributions to Japan studies and Japanese-American relations by the Japan Foundation, the city of Osaka, the Japan Society of New York, and the Emperor of Japan, who conferred on him the Order of the Sacred Treasure in 1985.

His long service and many contributions to the study of

Japan and its culture were recognized in his appointment to the Japan Academy in spring 1999 and the award of the Prize for Distinguished Cultural Merit (Bunka Koroshō) later that year, the first time this award was bestowed on a non-Japanese.

At Princeton, where he received the Howard Behrman Award for excellence in teaching in the humanities, Prof. Jansen was a member of the History Department as well as Director of the Program in East Asian Studies (1962-68) and first Chair of the new Department of East Asian Studies (1969-72). He was a stimulating undergraduate teacher, and a demanding, incisive advisor for generations of graduate students in East Asian history.

Author of 20 Books

In addition to many articles in English and Japanese, Prof. Jansen was the author and editor of more than 20 books, including: *The Jōpō* in the Association for Asian Studies (1954), *Japan and China*, elected President in 1977, from *War to Peace*, 1894-1972 (1975), and *Japan and its World: Two Centuries of Change* (1981).

Perhaps the best known of his books is *Sokomoto Ryōno and the Meiji Restoration* (1961). This was devoted to the turbulent period of Japan's turn to the West in the mid-19th century. It has also enjoyed wide readership in its Japanese translation, and made him a celebrity on the island of Shikoku, where Ryōma grew up.

Prof. Jansen's eyesight had been failing for some time, but he continued to research, write, and edit. His latest book, *The Making of Mod-*

ern Japan, Harvard University Press (2000), was published a week before his death, affording him great satisfaction.

Prof. Jansen is survived by his wife of 52 years, Jean Hamilton Jansen, for many years on the faculty of the Princeton Day School; a daughter, Marla Christine McGale, of Garwood; three grandchildren, and a brother Johannes Jan Jansen, of North Andover, Mass.

The funeral service will be held on Saturday, December 16, at Nassau Presbyterian Church, from 1 p.m.

In lieu of flowers, contributions may be sent to a scholarship fund in the name of Marius B. Jansen at the East Asian Studies Program, Jones Hall, Princeton.

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William J. O'Donnell, 80, of Kingston, died December 11 at Central State Health Care System, Freehold.

He was a lifelong resident of Kingston and a 1938 graduate of Princeton High School.

He was a restaurant supplies salesman with Stoller brothers of Monmouth Junction.

Mr. O'Donnell was past president and 62-year member of Kingston Volunteer Fire Co.; a member of the International Brotherhood of Teamsters; a past Boy Scout leader of Troop 84, Kingston; a parishioner at St. Paul's Roman Catholic Church; a member of Disabled American Veterans, and an Army veteran of World War II, serving with the 77th Infantry Division.

Husband of Marguerite B. O'Donnell, he is survived by three daughters, Kathleen O'D Hunt of Lawrenceville, Sharon Hansen of Hamilton Square, and Marguerite Billie O'Donnell of Pennington; a son, W. Michael of Hamilton Square; ten grandchildren; a sister, Ella Bevinetto of Nutley; and a brother, James A. of Levittown, Pa.

Funeral service will be held from the Kimble Funeral Home, 1 Hamilton Avenue, Friday at 8:30 a.m. Mass of Christian Burial will be said at St. Paul's Church, 214 Nassau Street, at 9:30 a.m.

Burial will be at St. Paul's Cemetery.

Friends may call at the funeral home Thursday from 7-9 p.m.

Memorial contributions may be sent to the Kingston First Aid and Rescue Squad.

83887 ✓
William M. Rogers, 72, of Montgomery, died December 9 at home.

Born in Omaha, Neb., he retired as a computer consultant with AT&T in Middletown in 1996.

From 1970 to 1979 he was vice president of Flexi-Van Company in New York.

He was a U.S. Army veteran of the Korean War.

He received a bachelor's degree in applied mathematics from the University of Nebraska and a master's degree in mathematics from the University of Colorado.

He was a member of the Unitarian Universalist Congregation of Princeton, where he served on the board of

Elizabeth H. Peterson, 92, died at the home of her son, Charles E. Peterson Jr., Tuesday, December 12.

The service will be at 11 a.m. this Friday at the Lawrenceville Presbyterian Church. Friends may call between 10-11 a.m. at the church.

A complete obituary will be published in next week's TOWN TOPICS.

trustees, was building chairman, and was active in the men's club.

He is survived by his wife, Barbara Galloway Rogers; two sons, Dave G. of Philadelphia and Ted M. of North Andover, Mass.; a brother,

Douglas A. of Wicomico Church, Va.; and a sister, Marilyn Raupe of Omaha.

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ANSWER: Your experience is common. You feel angry at being embarrassed and inconvenienced, but then guilty for not being more compassionate. Yet, as you debate how much to give,

it occurs to you that the tale of woe to which you are listening may be phony, and you begin to get angry again. Yet, you want to avoid a scene, so often you give just enough to get the person standing ever so close to you off your back. Then you resolve that next time you will do a better job of ducking when you see them coming.

Oh, but there again is your guilt! You know that you are asked to love your neighbor as yourself (Mt. 22: 34-40), to be a Good Samaritan (Lk. 10: 29-37), and to do so without bragging (Mt. 6: 2-4). But, while you do not necessarily mind giving, you do mind being "ripped off". So, what can you do?

A beginning rule of thumb is to only give to those in genuine need. Someone at work or in your parish has lost their house due to fire, their job due to layoffs, or their savings due to a prolonged illness. The need is clear, and you should give.

However, it is unlikely that you will have even the slightest hint that the story you hear from a stranger on the street is genuine. Rather than playing detective by asking twenty questions, or looking like the reincarnation of Ebenezer Scrooge by summarily dismissing a plaintive cry for help as the devious act of a pest, why not refer that person to the appropriate local agency. If they are stranded away from home, refer them to Travelers Aid. If they are in need of clothing, send them to a parish Thrift Shop or the Salvation Army. If they need additional money for food or shelter, refer them to the Department of Social Services or the nearest hostel for the poor. If you do not know where to refer them, suggest they inquire at the nearest church or social service agency.

I realize that while you are trying your best to think of the most appropriate place to send that person, he, or she, is probably groaning or openly complaining that all they want is money. But, if their need is genuine, they will recognize your effort to help. If it is not, you will have to be assertive, restating clearly and calmly that you are not giving them money.

Finally, you need to know that you can not give to everyone, so set your priorities. After you take care of your family, like to your parish, and choose one or two worthy causes to support, what is left may not be very much. How you determine your limitations is a matter of conscience; that you determine them is a matter of practicality.

This Wellness column is funded through the generosity of a grant from the J. Seward Johnson, Sr. Charitable Trusts. If you would like Father Stimpson to answer a question of yours on family life, daily living or emotional health, you can write to him at: Trinity Counseling Service, 22 Stockton Street, Princeton, NJ 08540. Trinity Counseling Service provides clinical or pastoral counseling on a sliding fee scale for all who need help and support. Phone Trinity Counseling Service at 609-924-0060 to set an appointment.

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Obituaries

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Charles P. Issawi, economist and historian, public servant and scholar who was Bayard E. Dodge Professor of Near Eastern Studies emeritus at Princeton University, died Friday, December 8 at his home in Pennswood Village, Pa. He was 84.

Born in Cairo in 1916 to Greek Orthodox, Syrian parents, he was educated at Victoria College, Alexandria, and Magdalen College, Oxford, where he read philosophy, politics and economics and specialized in economics.

His public career began with his appointment to the Egyptian Ministry of Finance (1937-1938) and he later became chief of research at the National Bank of Egypt (1938-1943). He also served briefly at the Arab Office in Washington and then joined the United Nations' secretariat in the Middle East Unit of the Department of Economic Affairs (1948-1955).

Teaching Career

His teaching career began at the American University of Beirut (1943-1947). In 1951, he joined Columbia University and was named Ragnar Nurkse Professor of Economics. He subsequently was appointed director of Columbia's Near and Middle East Institute.

In 1975, Prof. Issawi moved to Princeton University as Bayard E. Dodge Professor of Near Eastern Studies, a position he held until his retirement in 1986. From 1987 to 1991, he served as a visiting professor at New York University.

He married Janina Marla Haftke in 1946. He and his wife arrived in the United States in 1947 and were naturalized in 1957.

Charles Issawi wrote three major books about contemporary Egypt: *Egypt: An Economic and Social Analysis*



Charles P. Issawi

(1947), *Egypt at Mid-Century* (1954), and *Egypt in Revolution* (1963). All three were epoch-making in their time.

A second major theme of his work was developed in his four volumes on the economic history of the Middle East in the 19th and 20th centuries. These presented a selection of original documents, some archival and some from obscure and almost inaccessible sources, with many translated from a wide range of European and Middle Eastern languages.

Number of Essays

In addition to his professional and specialized writings, Charles Issawi wrote a number of essays contemplating the history of the Middle East over the decades, the centuries and sometimes even the millennia.

Some of these were published in a 1981 collection entitled *The Arab World's Legacy*. A more light-hearted, yet profoundly serious, commentary on life and letters was offered in a book he named *Issawi's Lows of Social Motion*.

His last book, which appeared in 1999, was a memoir entitled *Growing Up Different: Memoirs of a Middle East Scholar*.

Professor Issawi was the doyen of the study of the economic history of the Middle

East and the mentor of many of its present-day practitioners.

"Charles Issawi was both humanist and social scientist, and with his learning came other qualities — wisdom, common sense, tolerance and humor," said his colleague Bernard Lewis, Cleveland E. Dodge Professor of Near Eastern Studies, emeritus, at Princeton.

"Dealing with a difficult region at a difficult time, he managed magnificently to preserve an open mind and an objective approach. These were accompanied and, indeed, made possible by a quite special humor with which he lightened the cares and brightened the lives of all who had the good fortune to work with him."

Among Prof. Issawi's numerous honors and awards were an honorary degree (L.L.D. [h.c.]) from the American University in Cairo (1987), the Giorgio Levi Della Vida Award in Islamic Studies from the University of California at Los Angeles (1985), and the presidency of the Middle East Studies Association of North America (1973).

He is survived by his wife, Janina Issawi.

A memorial service will be held in February at the Princeton University Chapel.

Dr. Hadley L. Conn Jr., 79, Wendover Drive, died December 3 at home.

Born in Danville, Ind., he had lived in Rosemont, Pa., prior to moving to Princeton in 1973.

He received his bachelor of arts and doctor of medicine degrees from Indiana University. He served in the U.S. Army at Gorgas General Hospital in the Panama Canal Zone.

Dr. Conn was professor of medicine and chairman of the Department of Medicine at the University of Pennsylvania-Presbyterian campus and professor of medicine and chairman of the Department of Medicine at Rutgers University (University of Medicine and Dentistry of New Jersey).

He was professor of medicine and director of The Cardiovascular Institute and Chairman Emeritus of the Department of Medicine at U.M.D.N.J.-Robert Wood Johnson Medical School. He had also served as a visiting professor of medicine at the American University of Beirut, Lebanon.

He was a former member of the board of trustees of the American College of Cardiology and the American Board of Internal Medicine, and was secretary of the National Board of Medical Examiners.

His memberships include Phi Beta Kappa, Alpha Omega Alpha, American College of Physicians, New York Academy of Sciences, American College of Cardiology, and the Merion Cricket Club. He was an author and editor, and had published numerous scientific articles.

He is survived by his wife, Betty Aubertin Conn; four sons, Dr. Eric H. of Chattanooga, Tenn., Jeffrey W. of Wayne, Pa., Thomas B. of Nashville, Tenn., and Dr.

Andrew R. of Moorestown; a daughter, Lisabeth A. Stell of Chicago; a grandson; and five granddaughters.

Memorial services will be held Friday, December 22 at 1 p.m. at the Presbyterian Church of Lawrenceville. The Rev. Dr. H. Dana Fearon, pastor, will officiate.

Interment will be at the convenience of the family at Princeton Cemetery.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Hadley L. Conn Jr. Educational Fund, RWJ Medical School, c/o Dr. Andrew R. Conn, 251 North Stanwick Road, Moorestown 08057.

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CALENDAR

Wednesday, December 13

12 noon: Borough Housing Authority, Clay Street Learning Center, 2 Clay Street.

4:30 p.m.: Student reading, introduced by Paul Muldoon; James M. Stewart '32 Film Theater, 185 Nassau Street.

7:30 p.m.: Regional Planning Board, Township Municipal Building.

7:30 p.m.: Township Zoning Board, Valley Road Building.

7:30 p.m.: Meet the Mayors, Township Mayor Phyllis Marchand with guests Carol Hillenbrand, president, Save Animal Shelter; and Sara Nichols, of the Shelter, "Pets for Christmas." Live. Call-in. 252-2379.

8 p.m.: Westminster Community Orchestra; Richardson Auditorium.

8 p.m.: Candlelight Service of Lessons and Carols; Princeton University Chapel.

Thursday, December 14

4:30 p.m.: Lecture, "The Good of Film," Philosopher Stanley Cavell; Room 104, Princeton University Computer Science Building.

Library Collects Books For Kids for Holidays

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7:30 p.m.: Princeton Environmental Commission, Township Municipal Building.

7:30 p.m.: Dickens' A Christmas Carol; McCarter Theatre. Also Friday at 7:30, Saturday and Sunday at 1 and 5:30.

8 p.m.: Westminster Conservatory Youth Chorale, Youth Chorale Chamber Singers Women's Choir; Bristol Chapel, Westminster Choir College.

8 p.m.: Mercer County Community College Jazz Band; Kelsey Theatre, West Windsor.

8-10 p.m. Cajun band, Downtown Deluxe, 48 Leigh Avenue.

Friday, December 15

7 p.m.: 'Twas the Night Before Christmas; Kelsey Theatre, Mercer County Community College, West Windsor. Also Saturday and Sunday at 2 and 4.

7:30 p.m.: Mixed Blessings for the Holidaze; Passage Theatre's State Street Project; Mill Hill Playhouse, Trenton. Also Saturday and Sunday at 2 and 5:30.

8 p.m.: "Holiday Extravaganza," The American Boychoir; Richardson Auditorium.

8 p.m.: The Lost Night of Bollyhoo; Off-Broadstreet Theatre, Hopewell.

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(Photo by Charles Fox)

Calendar

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Saturday, December 16

4 p.m.: Youth Choral Chamber Singers Women's Choir, Westminster Conservatory Children's Choirs; Bristol Chapel, Westminster Choir College.

8 p.m.: Christmas with the Princeton Singers; Princeton Unitarian Church.

8 p.m.: Princeton Pro Musica, Messiah; Richardson Auditorium.

8 p.m.: American Boychoir, "A Quilt of Voices"; Trinity Cathedral, Trenton.

Sunday, December 17

3 p.m.: Greater Trenton Symphony Orchestra, Christmas Holiday Spectacular; War Memorial, Trenton. Also at 7.

4 p.m.: Princeton Symphony Orchestra; Richardson Auditorium.

4 p.m.: "Angels We Have Heard on High," American Boychoir; West Windsor-Plainsboro High School North.

Monday, December 18 Recycling Pick-up

7 p.m.: Township Committee, Valley Road Building.

7:30 p.m.: Regional Schools Finance Committee, Valley Road Building.

7:30 p.m.: Township Side-walk and Bikeway Advisory Committee, Township Municipal Building.

8 p.m.: Pianist George Winston; McCarter Theatre.

8 p.m.: "A Modern and Ancient Christmas," Fuma Sacra; Bristol Chapel, Westminster Choir College. Also Tuesday at 8.

Tuesday, December 19

6 p.m.: Library Board of Trustees Meeting, 2nd floor meeting room.

7:30 p.m.: Dickens' A Christmas Carol; McCarter Theatre. Also Wednesday, Thursday and Friday at 7:30, Saturday at 1 and 5:30, Sunday at noon and 4.

7:30 p.m.: Borough Council, Borough Hall.

7:30 p.m.: Regional Health Commission, Borough Hall Conference Room.

8 p.m.: Regional Schools Board of Education, John Witherspoon School.

Wednesday, December 20

6:30 p.m.: Carols of Many Nations; Miller Chapel, Princeton Theological Seminary. Also at 8:30.

7:30 p.m.: Human Services Commission, Human Services Department, 380 Witherspoon Street, in the conference room.

7:30 p.m.: Princeton Charter School Board, 575 Ewing Street.

7:30 p.m.: Meet the Mayors, Borough Mayor Marvin Reed with guest Joanne Farugla, manager, Jazams, toy store in Palmer Square, "Santa's Coming." Live. Call-in. 252-2379.

Thursday, December 21 Winter Solstice 8:37 a.m.

9 a.m.: Regional Schools Facilities Committee, Valley Road Building.


7:30 p.m.: Princeton High School 55th Winter Concert; Princeton University Chapel.

Friday, December 22 First Day of Hanukkah

8 p.m.: The Last Night of Ballyhoo; Off-Broadstreet Theatre, Hopewell. Also Saturday at 8 and Sunday at 2:30.

Saturday, December 23

1 p.m.: Belle Mead Ballet, The Nutcracker; Kelsey Theatre, Mercer County Community College, West Windsor. Also at 4.



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MAILBOX

Scout Intolerance a New Jersey Issue: Don't Blame "National Organization"

To the Editor of **Town Topics**:

After reading Mr. Mackle's letter in your Issue of November 29 Issue, I am compelled to respond. The letter, captioned "Council Action Penalizes Local Boy Scouts for intolerance of National Organization," asserts that the Princeton community should continue to support the local Boy Scout troop, in particular, the troop's annual tradition of selling Christmas trees. Mr. Mackle makes much of the fact that the Boy Scouts' policy of excluding homosexuals from the organization is set by the "national" headquarters. I beg to differ. The case of Boy Scouts of America v. James Dale reached the United States Supreme Court precisely because the Boy Scouts of New Jersey excluded a New Jersey resident from its ranks.

While I personally do not support the blocking-off of meters for the Christmas tree sale, I am offended more by those who justify continued support of the organization by targeting only the intolerance of the "national" organization. As argued to the Supreme Court, the Boy Scouts (whether those of Princeton, or Mercer County, or New Jersey, or America) "do not believe that homosexuals provide a role model" because "homosexual conduct is inconsistent with the requirement in the Scout Oath that a Scout be morally straight ... and clean in word and deed."

If you agree with this statement, go purchase the troop's Christmas trees, allow your boys to join the scouts and possibly lead a troop. If you disagree, do not continue to purchase the trees and pull your boys out of the scouts.

It is time for Princeton to create a new tradition.

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Councilmen Used Scouts to Get Publicity And Owe Scout Troop 43 a Public Apology

To the Editor of **Town Topics**:

The following is an open letter to Councilpersons Roger Mortindell and Ryan Lilienthal.

Your public action of attacking Boy Scout Troop 43 is not acceptable. Our local Scout troops do not make national policy. You are in office to uphold and represent the rights of all the residents of our community. You have not done that. You have picked on our young people rather than on their organization. You have not respected them, but rather you hide behind your office to take swipes at the youth of this community. If you would do this to one group you will do it to others.

As a reminder, the Borough Council through the years has not acted on the numerous requests for a youth center, a skateboarding area and other well-thought-out activities for young residents. Fortunately, the Y's, local religious and private organizations have stepped forward to support the needs of those you now attack. Indeed, the act of selling Christmas trees to local residents supports the very Central Business District you should be fighting to keep vibrant. The Scouts you attack are providing a valuable community service.

I would remind you of the hundreds of hours of community service over many, many years our community has accepted from these groups you now choose to attack. Our troop within the last year has built a bridge in our local park, run the "Plate Smash" at the June Fete, erected signs at Battlefield Park and at the Mercer Tree and built nesting boxes for endangered owls at Baldpate Mountain.

I hope you hear from our local groups and organizations which have benefitted from our local scouts. I hope you hear from Eagle Scouts, Boy Scouts, Cub Scouts and their families, from all Scouters who support Scouting.

No organization is perfect. Our local Boy Scout troops do not discriminate. Many of our local leaders are not in agreement with national policy and will continue to work to change and improve that organization.

I do not discriminate, never have and never will ... you do!

You owe the Scouts a public apology. When individuals need to get publicity at the expense of our children it is time to stand up and I'm standing.

Shame on you.

ELLEN F. SOUTER
Snowden Lane

Chairperson, Troop Committee, Troop 88, Princeton
Member, Eagle Scout Advancement Committee

Scout-Baiting Is the Newest Form Of Inappropriate Political Rhetoric

To the Editor of **Town Topics**:

Bigotry! Intolerance!! Homophobia!!!

Scout-baiting has been introduced to our town by Borough Council members Martindell and Lilienthal as the newest form of extreme and inappropriate political rhetoric.

Scouts are about camping and community service. They are not about sexuality. In the very sensible words of our local Scout leadership, they leave matters of sex to the parents, religious leaders and health care providers.

Every group which defines itself as being different by pursuing its particular interests has more to fear from the political tactics used by Martindell and Lilienthal than from the Scouts. At another time or in another place, the interests that these politicians seek to appease may just as readily be abused by their tactics. Their rhetoric presents a far greater threat to our community than any activity ever pursued by the Scouts.

When compared to the position expressed by our fellow citizens who involve themselves in our community through the activity of scouting, the posture of the politicians is inconsiderate and intolerant. Sadly, these politicians present themselves as being unable to appreciate how these citizens work in scouting to promote social acceptance and render many valuable services to our community while leaving to individuals and their families an issue that the politicians prefer to grandstand.

I wholeheartedly agree with the approach of our local Scout leadership on the issue of sexuality. Beyond jokes engendered by President Clinton and his ilk, I believe that most of us in fact have very little interest in the manner that other people pursue sexual pleasure. In my experience, this tends to be true without regard to the labels applied to describe that pleasure, be it heterosexual or homosexual or other. The need to publicize one's sexual conduct beyond a very small group of persons has more to do with narcissism than any public or common interest. It is patently unfair to allow the narcissistic interests of particular individuals to spoil an activity pursued and enjoyed by so many other people for so many other purposes.

By copy of this letter, I am forwarding an annual gift to Boy Scout Troop 43. Funds will always be well spent supporting Scouting and similar activities.

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Princeton Township's Deer Killing Plan Ineffective as Well as Unconstitutional

To the Editor of **Town Topics**:

Princeton Township Committee members voted on November 13 for an ordinance prohibiting residents from intentionally feeding deer.

The measure — which passed unanimously after a public hearing — also forbids intentional interference with authorized deer baiting sites, in use by licensed hunters and hired sharpshooters.

The measure is part of the Township's overall five-year deer killing plan. The plan must be endorsed by the State Fish and Game Council before it can be implemented.

The Fish and Game Council, at its November 14 meeting, did not approve Princeton's plan because the Township must first get approval from the Mercer County Prosecutor to use silencers, which are part of the deer killing plan. At the November 14 meeting the Fish and Game Council did approve Short Hills' plan to annihilate that town's deer.

The baiting and shooting of deer in Princeton Township, if approved by the Mercer County Prosecutor, will take place from January through March 2001. The deer feeding prohibition ordinance was passed in order to reinforce a plan that will be ineffective. Even the Fish and Game Council concluded, at their November 14th meeting, that this plan won't work.

The plan will be ineffective because the deer in the Princeton vicinity only go into the parks occasionally. Most of the Princeton deer forage on private property where there is low lying brush, which is their main food.

There are some individuals who like having the deer in their vicinity and put out food for them, the same way many of us put out food for birds and other wildlife. Of course the deer that are fed by some residents are less likely to go to the baiting sites where the snipers will be waiting. The effect of the ordinance, however, will be very slight because there are few people who actually do feed the deer. Furthermore those who have been feeding the deer regard this as an unconstitutional encumbrance on the use of their private property.

The people who favor this mass slaughter are not only not bothered by these few petty points but they want a law that would compel people to chase deer off their own property. For example William Cherry, Dempsey Avenue, suggested that the Township put "sharper and bigger teeth" into the ordinance, by including criminal penalties for violators. "Harboring, as well as feeding, should be prohibited. If deer are seen on someone's property who has prohibited hunters, we should presume that they are harboring the deer," he said.

The ban on feeding was only passed because the individuals involved have developed an irrational hatred of the deer. Apparently it will only take one or two more unconstitutional measures to turn Princeton Township into an open hunting preserve, similar to the state of Maine where hunters are presumed to have the right to enter anybody's property.

Those opposed to the entire deer plan said that the Township is creating more harm than they are trying to eliminate. Furthermore, they argue that the deer plan should have contained a rigorous analysis of non-lethal alternatives, which to date have been given no consideration before being summarily dismissed.

For example, here is Wildlife Committee member Tom Poole's comment on one promising non-lethal measure: "Roadside Wildlife Warning Reflectors (which play a positive role in reducing car-deer accidents) were part of a multi-point recommendation to the Township Committee, but that option was not undertaken."

WILLIAM M. MORAN
North Harrison Street

Council Action Against Boy Scouts Tantamount to Political Blackmail

To the Editor of **Town Topics**:

The recent action taken by Borough Council against Troop 43 of the Boy Scouts of America concerns me very much for two reasons.

First of all, the action requiring Troop 43 to sign a letter rejecting the policy of the National organization regarding its position on homosexuality and membership is tantamount to political blackmail — the promise of two parking spaces for free in trade for the letter written by the scouts. If taken to court, this "loyalty oath" will not pass Constitutional muster for it violates the Right to Free Speech guaranteed under the First Amendment. Moreover, the policy of the Boy Scouts of America passed the Supreme Court of the United States and therefore it is legal.

Secondly, moral questions should not be dictated by governmental agencies; rather such dictations of morality should be done primarily by religious bodies, then by the family. Borough Council can tell me to go at 25 MPH on the streets, not at 40 MPH, that I must stop on red, and the like, but they cannot tell me that I must associate with certain people under the penalty of losing privileges, or tell my group what its charter should be for favors. As an American, this offends me very much. I therefore support Troop 43 in its efforts and trust that Borough Council will reconsider its precipitous action.

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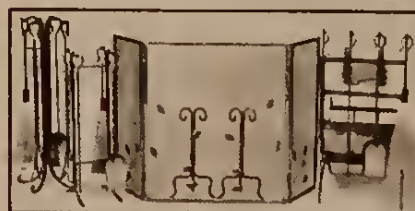
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The John-Witherspoon Neighborhood Has Not Been Intolerant of Newcomers

To the Editor of Town Topics:

As a Quarry Street resident for much of my life, I took note of the recent letter from Mr. J. Hurley (whom I do not know), of Laurel Road, concerning rental property overcrowding in Princeton's John-Witherspoon (i.e., my) neighborhood [TOWN TOPICS, December 6]. I was struck that in his lengthy statement he referenced neither communication with anyone from this neighborhood for a context, or attendance at the media-reported community meetings of the past few months, at which resident concerns were aired prior to Council presentation.

Mr. Hurley asserts that the aim of the proposed Council activities is "to satisfy intolerant (John-Witherspoon) neighbors who dislike the inflow of Hispanics and would prefer (the Hispanics) lived elsewhere." It is disappointing that Mr. Hurley ignores mentioning (or is unaware of such things as the publicized excellent, ongoing work of life-long John-Witherspoon resident Hank Pannell. Mr. Pannell has led with others in reaching out to those new to the neighborhood, and he was recently honored with the valued Bud Vivian community service award for his activities. Further, Mr. Hurley makes no mention of the long-standing collaboration of MECHA, the Mercer County Hispanic organization, with Mr. Pannell in addressing local adjustment concerns.

Last summer my Princeton University class (1969) sponsored Princeton undergraduate and local resident Michael Gibney to work in the "Multicultural Camp" at the Clay Street Learning Center. As Mr. Gibney's "mentor" I witnessed the high percentage of Hispanic children actively welcomed and enrolled in this neighborhood program.

For the record, I live adjacent to a number of rental units that in recent years have been the subject of neighborhood overcrowding concern. I have directly experienced "in my back yard" some of the adverse effects of overcrowding in a few of those units, and have no desire to have this reoccur. As Mr. Hurley probably knows, the John-Witherspoon neighborhood has been home to residents of many backgrounds for generations. Accepting that his statement of alarm is sincere, but being unaware of his involvement to date in constructively addressing rental overcrowding, I look forward to Mr. Hurley lending a more prominent hand with his Princeton neighbors toward satisfactory resolution of this complex community challenge. Distanced, generalized and unfounded public disparagement of targeted fellow townspeople is not a path to a remedy.

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JIM FLOYD JR.
Quarry Street

It's Not Too Late to Hold Referendum On Moving Library to Valley Road Site

To the Editor of Town Topics:

Recently [TOWN TOPICS, November 29] Harry Levine, President of the Princeton Public Library Board, responded to my earlier letter about Borough candidate Dorothy Koehn's 316 votes running on a single issue — the location of a new library.

Harry, I in no way "claimed a mandate" with the 316 votes Ms. Koehn got. I clearly stated I thought her votes might easily represent many, many more — perhaps some thousands in the Borough and Township. To make a statement for Valley Road, 316 voters gave up their right to otherwise vote for a viable candidate of their choice.

And then you state that "3352 Borough voters cast their vote against such an idea." That is a total distortion. There was no referendum on the ballot — it was solely to elect Council members. Neither you nor I know how many of those 3352 voters would prefer Valley Road as a site compared to the present site. They weren't given that option on the ballot.

Which leads to the suggestion that it's high time — and not too late — to have a referendum of Borough and Township residents. Your Board and the two governments continue to move ahead — what is it now, only six years? — and have never canvassed the entire tax-paying community. I'm told by Hillier people you can pack up their plans and move them right down the street to Valley Road with a little or no need for modification.

There I can show you the green grass, room for even more future expansion, and how and where you can have free library parking. Think how wonderful it would be for the 70 percent who already have to drive to the downtown library, for the elimination of two years of downtown construction chaos, of not having to foolishly spend money to move to the Shopping Center for two years (spend the money to demolish the present Valley Road School for the new library), of ever more meetings and costs of downtown garaging as a prerequisite for the Township to agree.

And now, with some question about whether a new Arts Council Building will be approved across the street, it's time to consider putting them side-by-side at the Valley Road site. There are hundreds more in the Borough and Township who support these viewpoints. It's not too late to pause once more and do the right thing for the community. Oh yes, I did like your closing description of me as "a wonderfully creative thinker, always encouraging us to go beyond the obvious."

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Death of Kathleen Montgomery Edwards A Profound Loss to Entire Community

To the Editor of **Town Topics**:

A few weeks ago, Trinity Church was filled to overflowing to celebrate the life of Mrs. Kathleen Montgomery Edwards. Those paying last respects represented a microcosm of Princeton. It was clear that every socio-economic, racial, ethnic and religious sector of Princeton and its surrounds has been touched by the life of this woman.

Several times during the service, mention was made of Mrs. Edwards' strength, perseverance, dedication to fairness, concern for justice and equality, and her ability to articulate her desire to unify all citizens of the town around these issues. It was also mentioned that Mrs. Edwards fought for citizens who most needed advocacy, and sometimes were not even aware that she was out there fighting for them. This community will surely miss her.

The history of the John Witherspoon Community is often ignored as an historical entity in a town just bursting with history. On the celebration of the 100th anniversary of the birth of Paul Robeson, the Historical Society and members of the community worked on the logistics of presenting a walking tour with an accompanying brochure. The information was to be disseminated during the celebration. The proof of the document was presented to a group of the elders, Mrs. Edwards among them. Those who put the brochure together felt it ready for press. However, the elders had other recollections that differed from what was being presented, and Mrs. Edwards along with another member of the community persisted in their protests until the authors recognized that the brochure had to be reprinted. Ever diligent, she was determined that any historical data presented by the archivists would be as accurate as possible.

Mrs. Edwards was mainly educated in Princeton's segregated schools. Her education made her keenly aware of the value and power of education for all young people. She was always on target when she saw injustice rearing its ugly head. Her knowledge and ability to gather the facts allowed her to be the first African American elected to the school board. She was effective in the fight to right all that was wrong with separate and equal education. She made certain that children had what they needed to be properly educated — equal treatment among the majority, books with all of the pages, space to play, equal curriculum, fair ability assessments, academic as well as vocational guidance, etc. She was definitely a drum-major for academic excellence.

Mrs. Edwards was certainly a chief among chiefs in the John Witherspoon Community. She was called upon as someone who could direct one to resources ranging from proper legal representation to a reputable plumber. She could engage in dialogue with the educationally deprived as well as those with the most advanced degrees. As the residents in the neighborhood changed, she made it her duty to know about the newcomers and to find out their various concerns. Most recently, she was one of the persons who brought the voice of reason to a concern the residents have regarding overcrowding in the John-Witherspoon Community. Several discussion group meetings were organized. In one of the discussions, she made it perfectly clear that persons making minimum wage have to pool resources to afford Princeton rents. This had the effect of making those present at the various meetings examine factors which actually fuel the issue of overcrowding. The perspective Mrs. Edwards presented had the effect of redirecting attention in the proper direction.

Mrs. Edwards made it her business to be present at all of the various municipal board meetings. A woman truly interested in how a community comes together and stays together, she was knowledgeable about how each and every municipal board operated. She took the time to learn legislation concerning civil rights, human rights and elder rights. Just as she went to all of these meetings to make certain she had the facts, she took the responsibility of keeping everyone apprised of what was transpiring in the municipality. She led many a voter registration effort, and took pride in her ability to keep people informed of the issues to be voted upon. She was a ferocious warrior in the battle for truth and fact, in instances where misinformation abounded.

It was stated that though she was a member of Trinity church, she never missed a service at First Baptist Church. She could also report on activities at the Jewish Center, tell you whose mass was celebrated at St. Paul's Church, and was recognized on sight in every other place of worship in town. The Rev. Frank Strassburger encouraged those gathered at the "Going Home" celebration to take a look around the sanctuary. He asked everyone to ponder upon the Kathleen Edwards they all knew. He pointed out that the coming together of this community in the fashion it had turned out for the funeral, was exactly what Mrs. Edwards always hoped for. His charge to everyone is to continue the fellowship, keep it inclusive, and allow more of it.

Yes, she has brought us all together. She was Princeton's Sojourner Truth, Harriet Tubman, Mary McLeod Bethune, Fannie Lou Hamer, Nanny Helen Burroughs, and Ida B. Wells all rolled into one. Her physical presence shall surely be missed. Her memory will live on in Princeton for years to come. We must continue to build upon her legacy.

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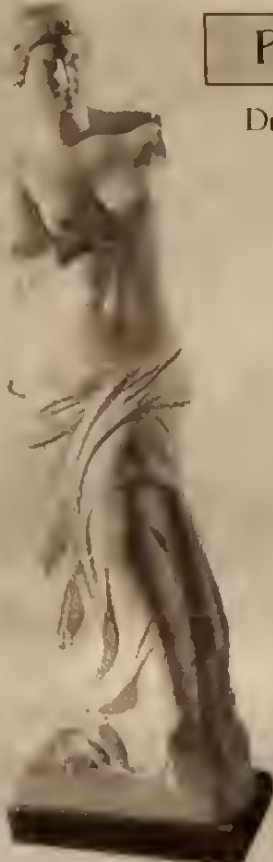
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Clubs & Organizations

MCCC to Hold Seminar On Canadian Market

The new Center for Global Business at Mercer County Community College will hold a "Business Over Breakfast" seminar on Canadian trade, on December 14, from 8 to 10:30 a.m., at the college. [The breakfast menu will feature Canadian bacon and maple syrup.]

"Canada is by far the largest market for U.S. exports, according to Keld Hansen, Center director. "In 1996, U.S. companies sold more goods and services to Canada than to Japan, the UK, Germany, and France combined."

Guest speakers will include Rick Savone, consul and trade commissioner with the Canadian Government Trade Office, and Sanford L. Cook, president and CEO of TCP Reliable Inc., who will present "The Canadian Case Story."

The "Business over Breakfast" series is sponsored by the Center for Global Business in partnership with the U.S. Department of Commerce, the NJ Commerce and Economic Growth Commission, and the NJ Business and Industry Association.

The seminar fee of \$25 per person, includes a full breakfast. To register, call 586-4800, ext. 3639, or e-mail hansenk@mccc.edu.

Professor Emeritus Josef Silverstein, formerly professor and chair of the Department of Political Science and chair of Asian Studies at Rut-

gers College, will make a presentation on "The Lady, the Army and the People: The Struggle of Daw Aung San Suu Kyi to Bring Democracy to Burma," at a meeting of **55PLUS** on December 21.

The meeting will take place at 10, at the Jewish Center of Princeton, 435 Nassau Street.

Professor Silverstein, who taught international relations and law, Asian government and politics at Rutgers, has also taught at the University of Mandalay, Burma, and the University of Malaya, Malaysia.

In 1970, he took a two-year leave of absence to serve as director of the Institute of Southeast Asian Studies in Singapore. He is the author

or editor of seven books, and has published a number of articles.

Mark Plante, master room worker and networking expert, will speak at the **Chamber of Commerce of the Princeton Area Business Council Breakfast**, on Wednesday, December 20, at 7:30 a.m., at the Nassau Club, 6 Mercer Street.

A public speaker since 1985, Mr. Plante has addressed many groups, including Achievers Unlimited, Temple University, United Cerebral Palsy, and others.

The event will begin with a Business Card Exchange and the breakfast, followed by the presentation, and will end at 10 with informal networking. The cost will be \$16 for Council members; \$21, for other guests. To make a reservation, call 520-1776.

Support Sources

The Mercer Branch of the **Lupus Foundation of America, NJ Chapter** will meet on Tuesday, December 19, at 7:30, at the Mercer County Library, 2751 Brunswick Pike, Lawrence.

A social gathering will be followed by a question-and-answer period and group discussion. Patients, families, and friends are all invited to attend.

The meeting will be free and open to the public. For more information, call the Foundation office, at (201)791-7868.

"To Your Health," a program of the **Community Health Law Project**, a statewide public interest law firm, provides a toll-free hotline for persons requiring guidance and advice on managed health care questions, problems, and disputes. In addition, a free handbook about New Jersey consumer rights in managed health care is available to interested persons; and legal representation is available to New Jersey residents who meet eligible income guidelines.

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And as you seek that all-important gift, take a moment to enjoy the sights and sounds of this special time of year.

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To give your house a brand new look for the holidays or just spruce up around the edges, **Nassau Interiors** is the place to go. This special store on Nassau Street has been a favorite of shoppers for more than half a century, and it offers a wonderful selection of fine quality furniture, accessories, and gift items.

Nassau Interiors has long been known for its lamp collection, and there are exceptional choices in all styles and sizes. A display of charming smaller lamps with strawberry and herb design emphasizes a natural theme, and other lovely porcelain lamps in assorted designs are \$149.

This season, there is an especially large selection of gifts. New this year are hand-painted jewelry boxes in the attractive coromandel finish, with a crackled effect. Others include a box with a hand-tooled leather curved top, a very nice gift for a man. Another in burl walnut is a perfect keepsake box, and

handsome on a desk. There is also a nice assortment of handpainted boxes.

Bookends are important at Nassau Interiors, and there are many in marble and brass. Bull and bear, golf clubs, elegant columns, and elephants are just some examples of the quality selection, starting at \$59.

Tabletop and mantel decorative accessories, such as a variety of figurines in bronze and marble, are sure to please and range from dogs and golfers to those with an Oriental theme. Especially popular are the three monkeys — "See No Evil, Hear No Evil, Speak No Evil", and two small bronze sleeping piglets at \$29. Also available are the traditional porcelain Staffordshire dogs.

Waste baskets are functional, to be sure, but at Nassau Interiors, they reach a new decorative level as well. A variety in tone offers a very attractive look, and there are other traditional styles in assorted designs, starting at \$25. Another popular holiday gift is one of the store's exceptionally handsome trays, offered in tone (green with gold accents) and also in mahogany. Very special indeed.

Nassau Interiors also has a wonderful display of mirrors in all sizes, styles, and prices, and a mirrored wall sconce is a special feature in gold leaf. The store also has a big selection of framed art, with a strong emphasis on animals, including wildlife (groups of lions, elephants, zebras), as well as horses.

Occasional tables are in full supply, with a small hand-carved walnut wine table, especially attractive. The tables feature round, oval, and rectangular tops, and some in leather.

The store's popular home and garden center downstairs offers an excellent variety of ceramic and porcelain planters in beautiful colors, in the \$39 range. Here, you will also find charming Irish country wood kitchen stools at \$99.

Nassau Interiors offers gift certificates and gift wrapping, and is open Monday through Saturday 9 to 6, Thursday until 8, Sunday 12 to 5.



A visit to **Peterson's Nursery & Christmas Shop** at 3730 Lawrenceville Road is a special pleasure. It's a popular place to get a tree, wreath, and all the holiday decorations, and its especially attractive setting with water fountains and charming gardens makes it a welcome respite from hectic holiday shopping.

It offers a magnificent vista — almost a crimson sea — of poinsettias (starting at \$4.99), as well as a complete selection of cyclamen, Christmas cactus, amaryllis and paper whites.

A canopy of sparkling lights leads the way into the lovely garden area, which is such a beautiful setting it has been chosen as the site of a wedding on New Year's Day! Here, the array of plants of every kind, foliage, ferns, ivy, bromeliad, bonsai, and more, is complemented by a series of water fountains that create an unusually appealing ambiance.

Owner Charles Peterson notes that a gift of a plant is especially thoughtful — and healthy — since plants produce oxygen and use carbon dioxide. Small ivies start at \$1.99.

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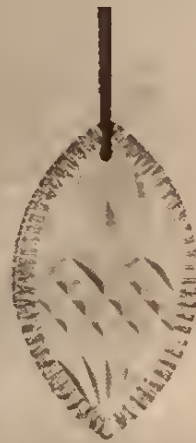
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There is also an emphasis on personalized invitations, both from sample albums and an in-house "browser" section with many options, all done on the store's computer. When proof-approved, these can be ready in 24 hours.

Owner Joan Hagen thinks that even in this high tech age, people are beginning to write letters again, and along with the stationery, there is a super selection of pens. Waterman and Aurora, the latter a long-established line of pens from Italy, are offered, as are special Venetian glass dipping pens, a sleekly feminine silver pen at \$10, and pretty enamel pens at \$15.99.

Photo frames continue to be a favorite at the shop, and there are many kinds, including the special leaded frames, made by an artist in New Jersey, incorporating lace from Italy. Also popular is the jewelry selection, featuring sterling silver pins, earrings, necklaces, and bracelets, with one-of-a-kind pieces designed by artists.

Priced from \$20, the collection features many great gift ideas, including the "Key" bracelet. You will never be locked out of your house or car if you wear this special charm bracelet, and add car or house key to the eclectic mix of items. (\$22).

Many customers will also be pleased to find a nice selection of the popular Hobo handbags, including a briefcase style that can hold a laptop. In addition, there are special and unusual handbags made of antique sari material. These are in many patterns and colors, and offer a different look.

A variety of fun items is suited to that all-important Christmas stocking. Such choices as screen savers for the computer (in 27 different designs), pocket-sized suede address books (\$25), back-pack games, including magnetic checkers and chess (\$8), and a handsome silver-plated pill box (deeper and longer than usual) for \$24 are all available.

La Plume & Papier offers gift certificates and superb complimentary gift wrapping

Stocking Stuffers

Everyone likes to hang up a Christmas stocking and find it filled to the brim with all those surprises Christmas morning. Fun things abound for all ages this year, including a very cute little plush tiger at **Rider Furniture** for \$7.50 and wonderful wooden "Pecking Chicken" toys from Russia at **Ambleside Nursery & Garden Center** for \$14.99. Also from Ambleside are the colorful Russian nesting dolls, with a little set of five at \$9.95.

Princeton University golfers will surely want the set of three golf balls (one black) with Princeton shield for \$13 or three balls with tees, also \$13 from the **Princeton U Store**. Cigar smokers with a sweet tooth will be happy to find a package of three chocolate cigars from **Robinson's Fine Candies**, for \$6.95, and traveling tea drinkers will love the "Travelers Tea Tin," including six bags of green tea in a small tin for \$3.57 at **The Whole Earth Center**.

Timberland's pretty Shetland-patterned socks for women will keep toes toasty this winter, available at **Hulit's Shoes** from \$8.50, and the terrific Irish tweed men's caps, at \$25 from **Landau's** are sure to please.

Fun gingerbread cookie ornaments with a checkered bow are \$6.50 at **Now Fancy That** in Belle Mead, and "Sizzling Bath Salts" comes in a colorful cylinder, \$6 at **La Plume & Papier**, with a package of two with tea candle \$15.99. Also from that store is a great looking dot.com letter opener in brushed silver for \$18.

Fun glittery "Squiggler" pens are \$5.98 at **Learning Express**, and the 5-finger "Ducks in a Row" cotton terry bath puppet is a great toy for tots, \$15 at **Jazams**.

And, finally, have you been a good boy or girl? If not, a lump of coal in a Santa tin is \$2.99 at **Peterson's Nursery & Christmas Shop**. Of course, it's not too late to behave!



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In addition, the entire line of products is constantly being upgraded, and the store sells top quality products including shampoos, conditioners, and styling aids, chosen to enhance individual hair and styling.

Gift certificates are available for all services, and a special holiday package is offered by stylist Oleysa: hair-cut, color, and styling, plus a free gift for \$45.

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The price is right, and so is the quality and the service at **Glendale Liquors**, 4040 Quaker Bridge Road. A specialty of the store is its discount policy — with everything marked down, it's a sale every day at Glendale!

In addition, for the holidays, there will be added discounts on certain case items, as well as enormous savings on close-out products, often one half off the original selling price. It includes a large cross-section of items, with prices ranging from \$2.99 to \$14.99, and a frequently changing selection.

Gift packages are in abundance, and there are gifts for every taste and pocketbook. Gifts with glasses, shakers, decanters, and crockery are all on display. A Drambuie gift set includes a decanter and bottle for \$24.99, and a handsome Bolla wooden gift box offers four bottles for \$26.99. Other wine gift sets are available and priced from \$11.99.

Super premium — quadrupled distilled and super refined — vodkas are very popular gift items this year, and Grey Goose and Belvedere are premiere brands.

Also available now are the Nouveau wines, including Beringer 2000 and George du Bouef, at \$5.99 and \$6.99. Champagne is always a big holiday item, and Glendale has a complete selection in every price range. There are also close-out prices in champagnes, all excellent quality.

Other popular holiday specialties are port, sherry, cognac, and single malt scotches. Special holiday beer sets are also in stock, including the Samuel Adams "Winter Classics" gift package, at \$12.99 for 12 bottles.

If you still can't decide among all these choices, Glendale Liquors offers gift certificates, and is open Monday and Tuesday 9 to 8, Wednesday and Thursday until 9, Friday and Saturday until 10, Sunday 11 to 5.

The Whole Earth Center has announced that its new parking lot has now been completed! That is very good news for fans of this long-time natural foods store, located at 360 Nassau Street. This not-for-profit store offers organically grown and environmentally safe products. No chemical preservatives and no animal testing.

No fancy packaging either. Many foods, such as grains, herbs and spices, pasta (including wheat-free), rice, nuts, and beans, can be purchased in bulk. Nuts and dried fruits are always good holiday gifts, and there is a big selection, including dried mangoes, cranberries, and apricots, among others. Also popular is the hard-to-find crystallized ginger, available in bulk or packages.

Organic and shade-grown can, with lead-free wick for coffee is an increasingly popular item at The Whole Earth, in assorted fragrances, including frankincense and myrrh. Jim's Organic Coffee and Equal Exchange Coffee, both fair trade companies, and offering regular, decaf, and some flavors.

The store's big selection of frankincense and myrrh bath teas provides many gift possibilities. The popular Republic of Tea features a big variety, including loose tea, in attractive reusable containers. Special for the holidays from \$1 — all great stocking Celestial Seasonings are Sugar Plum and Nutcracker Sweet spiced teas, at \$2.39.

Also available is organic Chai Nog, alternative egg nogs. Other specialties include organic ice cream in assorted flavors, as well as frozen yogurt and sorbet. Rice Dream and Soy Delicous are ice cream alternatives.

A selection of non-alcoholic sparkling wines and cider are also in stock.

The Whole Earth is noted for its wonderful organic produce, much of which is purchased from local farmers, and no one can resist the selection of baked breads, muffins, and cookies made from scratch every day. Special holiday items include fruit cake, cranberry loaf, pecan loaf, and ginger snaps, and there are also many vegan options, such as the delicious vegan chocolate chip cookies.

While you are out shopping, stop in at the vegetarian deli, which offers a charming sit-down cafe, as well as take-out service. Great sandwiches, soups and salads hit the spot, and new dishes are always being added.

Many gift items are found among Whole Earth's bath and aromatherapy sections. Soothing bath salts, loofahs, and brushes, and super triple-milled soaps (\$3.75) can be purchased separately or in combination packages.

A small gift tote bag includes organic loofah mitt, soap and lotion, and bath and shower gel for \$15.99. Another package offers hand-made goat's milk soap and paraffin-free soy candles in a

Candles of all kinds are in profusion! Beeswax, tea lights, tapers, columns, aromatherapy, bathroom-safe candles in a can, the new vegan candles (no paraffin, no beeswax, lead-free wicks), and hand-dipped Hanukkah candles in rainbow beeswax and blue and white, \$9.20 for 44.

Also available are the aromatherapy specialties, including a selection of soapstone and ceramic oil diffusers from \$9.99 to \$59.99.

Another very popular item is the assortment of neck and back pillows. Filled with buckwheat, rice, or cherry stones, they can be heated or chilled, and are available in many designs. Some have a spicy scent, and also in stock is a selection of little eye pillows in satiny and velour-type fabrics, from \$10.88.

Whole Earth also has a book section, with a focus on cookbooks, herbs, nutritional healing, and special dietary needs.

There are super calendars, with environmental, peace, and animal themes. The Greenpeace calendar features a sensational tiger on the cover (\$10.95). The Tibetan Art calendar is also available, and offers framable photographs of tapestries, with a story for each one.

Gift certificates are available, and Whole Earth's hours are Monday through Saturday 9 to 7, Thursday and Friday until 9, Sunday 10 to 5. The store will be closed Christmas Eve.

—Jean Stratton



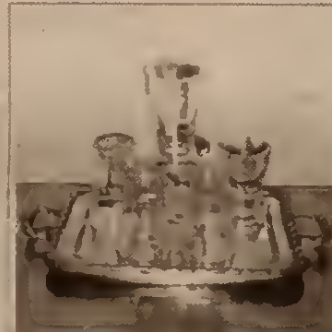
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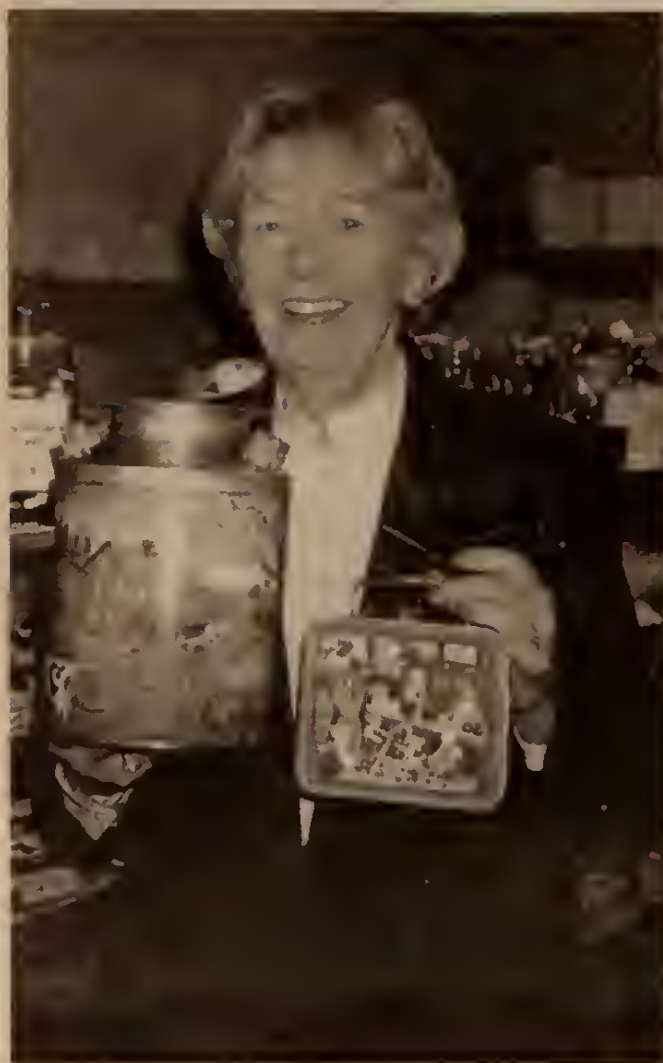
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CHRISTMAS CANDY: Many colorful holiday tins and containers can be filled with the delicious chocolate creations at Robinson's Fine Candies. Owner Nancy Robinson holds the special old-fashioned "milk can" with farm scene decoration (left) and the fun lunch box tin, featuring images of Santa's workshop. The store also offers ready-made gift baskets filled with a variety of chocolate, hard candy, gum drops, and nuts, from \$26.95.

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trees include dwarf Alberta spruce, 18- to 24-inch sizes, suitable for tabletops. Little decorated cut trees are also available, and are a nice gift for someone in a hospital or nursing home (\$24).

There is also a forest of artificial trees in all sizes, including small ones for tabletop (decorated and

undecorated).

Custom decorated wreaths are on hand, as are undecorated (from \$5.99), and all the roping and garlands are available. In addition, custom-decorating house interiors for the holidays has become an increasing part of Peterson's business. And for that cozy fire on a winter night, Peterson's offers a seasoned hardwood (about 15 pieces) for \$12.



Those who prefer to do it themselves will find all they need — from ribbons to bells to pine cones to berries — in the special decorating center. Also, every kind of tree light is in stock, with not only the popular icicle lights, but the new Window Net-Cicles (which hang on the inside of the window) at \$24.95, and the Path-Icicles for driveway and walkway, \$21.95, all available. Tree stands, skirts, and stockings, including a super king-size stocking — probably the biggest in town — for \$24.99 are on hand.

Peterson's popular Christmas shop is filled to the brim with trimmed trees, ornaments, decorations, toys, and handcrafted gifts — all guaranteed to put one in the holiday mood. Collectible, elaborately dressed Santas are a big item, in the \$34.98 range, and there are all sizes and styles of snowmen in wood, ceramic, and composition. Handcrafted fabric snowmen are collectible, too.

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and are popular in groupings. Individual figures start at \$15.98.

The silvery blue and white "Snow Buddies" Santas and snowmen, including music boxes (\$27), ornaments (\$3.95), and free standing figures, are also favorites, as is Peterson's selection of nativities, starting at \$11.95. An especially attractive nativity offers seven white bisque figures in a setting featuring blue background with stars, priced at \$119.

A charming set of four pewter ornaments features "Christmas Cats" or "The Littlest Angels", for \$39.95, and a delightful glass/ brass combination candle holder offers reindeer motif, also \$39.95. A fun "Snowman Family" photo holder features five snow figures at \$24.95.

Garden and nature books are always good gifts, and Peterson's has an extensive selection. There is also a complete display of garden ornaments, planters, tools (including bonsai), and supplies. Elegant sundials, wind chimes, plant stands, and desk or tabletop fountains in many designs are all very popular gifts. There is also a handsome cedar garden workbench.

"For the birds" is taken literally at Peterson's, and there is really everything for them — feeders, houses, seed and suet of all kinds, as well as standing and hanging bird baths. Hummingbird feeders start at \$6.95.

Peterson's is open Monday through Friday 9 to 8, Saturday and Sunday until 6. This year, Santa will also be visiting on weekends, from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m.



The Piccadilly on Nassau Street is a Princeton treasure. For more than 30 years, this very popular women's shop has sold updated classic clothes that are stylish, wearable, and versatile.

There is also a wonderful array of accessories, so important for completing the fashion statement. Stunning hand-screened silk scarves are really works of art. In assorted sizes, the choices are elegant and varied, including shadow stripes, tone-on-tone, and gold thread accents, among others.

The Piccadilly's owners are experts at accessorizing, and

can select just the right piece of jewelry to highlight your holiday outfit. Sterling silver necklaces and bracelets, as well as gold, in all lengths, styles and textures are on display. Silver bracelets include lovely delicate bands, that can also be fashionably worn as multiples.

An excellent selection of clip-on earrings is also on display.

The Piccadilly has become known as a resource for the very popular Vera Bradley collection, including the full range of accessories, handbags, and luggage. The complete selection is in stock, with all the new patterns and specialties available, starting at \$12.

Popular items include the wallet with detachable strap, double eyeglass case, travel and cosmetic cases, and the dressier quilted microfiber handbags in black. New this year is the Vera Bradley teddy bear in six patterns for \$30.

Another specialty is the line of Leon Levin shirts and cardigans. The short- and long-sleeved shirts, in all colors and patterns, continue to be favorites, and there is a big assortment of new colors in the one-size-fits-all (both regular and petite) shirts. These are wonderful pastels that would be perfect for resort wear.

In addition, the Leon Levin boucle acrylic cardigans, with dyed-to-match pearl buttons, are lightweight, machine washable, and sized small through extra large. They, too, are in many colors.

Sweaters are an always welcome holiday gift, and the selection of silk pullover sweaters is especially appealing. Long-sleeved in different patterns and necklines, including jewel, turtle, and mock, they offer an appealingly feminine look. Also on display is an assortment of 4-ply silk sweater sets, including long-sleeved cardigan and short-sleeved pullover.

New this year is a group of jackets, car coats, scarves and shawls, handcrafted in Ireland. In subtle, muted colors and patterns, they are an attractive addition to a winter wardrobe. Large fringed shawls and scarves are especially warm and comfortable.

The Piccadilly also offers a big selection of knits, which are sold as separates, and travel so well. Skirts, pants (petite and regular), and tops are all available.

The shop's handwoven silk skirts and jackets offer a dressier look, and some feature gold metallic thread, with a lattice work effect. A gold lame jacket (without closure)



with matching short-sleeved shell is a super look with black pants.

The Lanz sleepwear is another Piccadilly highlight, and nightgowns, nightshirts, pajamas, and robes are all available. In sizes small through extra large, they start at \$39. Robes include wrap and zip-front styles, and are especially soft and cozy.

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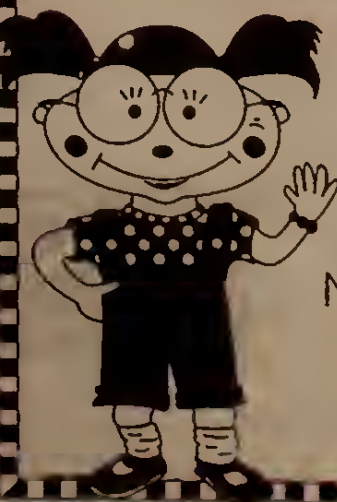
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The Drawing Room, known especially for its selection of late 18th to mid-19th Century English and Continental antiques, is located in a spacious, handsome showroom at 38 South Main Street in Lambertville. Larger pieces include a selection of superb furniture, and also available are framed art and accessories, such as lamps, chandeliers, sconces, and handsome globes.

There are many excellent gift-giving opportunities at this special place. 19th Century Cut crystal decanters (from \$185) are an elegant addition to a silver tray on an extraordinary mahogany sideboard — all available! In addition, most unusual is the 18th Century Dutch portable bar in mahogany with Dutch marketry, and featuring six small glasses, six large glasses, and decanter, as well as several compartments and drawers.



BABY DOLL: Kristen Muentener of Jazams holds one of the store's very realistic Lee Middleton baby dolls, shown in special yellow swinging hammock doll bed, which features decorative moon and stars. There are also "boat" doll swings and beds, as well as a full selection of other dolls, including Raggedy Ann, Madeline, and the Corolle collection.

Many exquisite American and English sideboards in mahogany and rosewood date from the 1800s to 1900s, are in different sizes and styles, and in a wide price range.

Chairs, also American and English, range from the 1800s to 1900s, many featuring carved wood, and offer a variety of choices. In addition, a beautiful 1820 English crystal chandelier with draped crystal beading and amulets is a work of art.

The Drawing Room has an excellent selection of framed art, with a majority European oils from the 19th Century, focusing on landscapes, seascapes, and animals. There is also a collection of very special 18th Century botanical prints.

In addition to the antiques, there is a very nice assortment

ment of new items, which will make lovely holiday gifts. The selection of Parks candles in charming silver containers of varying designs are gift wrapped and start in price at \$22. Also from Parks are silver candle snuffers at \$45, gift wrapped as well. Gift boxes of Perin-Mowen potpourri from France are a wonderful hostess gift at \$22.

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The Drawing Room always has a wonderful collection of 19th Century Staffordshire porcelain, including many choices, from the famous dogs to houses to elegant ladies and gentlemen, so popular with collectors.

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The special flavor and the ease of serving make the ham a premier choice for entertaining, and a wonderful holiday gift. Half-hams with honey mustard are big sellers, and also popular are the outstanding varieties of turkey. Both the ham and turkey are available in gift boxes.

Heavenly Ham spare ribs and Omaha steaks, including filet mignon and New York sirloin strips, are also offered, and in addition, there is an assortment of Heavenly Ham frozen side dishes. Two-pound packages serve six to eight and are \$6.99. Sweet potatoes with pecans, garlic mashed potatoes, green bean

Kidstuff

Shopping for children is the most fun, and there are many choices for them in all categories. The tiniest tot can hang up a stocking with the diminutive baby stocking at **Peterson's Nursery & Christmas Shop** for \$3.49, and babies and toddlers will also have fun with "Water Symphony," eight delightful dolphins who wink, grin, and compose melodies in the tub. \$19.95 at **Learning Express**.

That store also offers a set of three "Fun Gripper" soft juggling balls for \$9.98, and a sensational porcelain piggy bank for \$14.95, with free personalization. Also available are Harry Potter books on tape, great for road trips or rainy days. \$29.95.

Of course, reading is the best, and wonderful, wonderful books are offered for kids. **Jazams** has a great selection, including *Flicko*, *Ricko*, *Dicka*, a series of books at \$6.95 each by Swedish author and artist Maj Lindman, also author of *Snip*, *Snopp*, *Snurr*.

Secret of Plotform 13 (\$5.99) and *Island of the Ants* (\$15.99) by Iva Ibbotsen are available, and singer and actress Julie Andrews (pen name — Julie Blake Edwards) has written two very popular books, *Mandy* (\$4.95) and *The Last of the Great Wongdoodle* (\$5.95).

Another great book for kids is the colorfully illustrated *Where Is Tibet?* by Gina Halpern, \$12 at **Shop the World at the Salty Dog**.

A whole range of creative possibilities is available at **Triangle Creative Center** Route One and Darrah Lane. Young artists will love the chest packed with paints, markers, colored pencils, pastels, and more (\$59.95), and especially fun are the wooden treasure boxes filled with paint, varnish, and brush for children to decorate their own special box, \$15.95.

casserole, broccoli and rice late sauces. These vary in casserole, squash casserole, price, and are ready-to-go, or and cinnamon apples are all can be customized.

Many customers look for. Frozen cheesecakes are ward to one of Heavenly also popular, from \$9.99. Ham's incredibly popular box And other favorites are the lunches, including sandwich, fresh fruit pies, baked on the potato salad or other side dish, fresh-baked cookie or apple, and soft drink for \$5.89. A great way for a quick lunch in between shopping stops!

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FINE FURNISHINGS: Laurel (left) and Trinna LaPlaca of Nassau Interiors are seated on one of the store's woven tapestry-style sofas with down cushioning. This and a selection of other showroom sample sofas and chairs are on sale and available for immediate delivery. Also offered is an assortment of coordinating fringed pillows, some with antique fabric.



A selection of distinctive, high quality lighting fixtures is the specialty of **Heritage Lighting** at 67 Bridge Street in Lambertville. The store offers many choices, with an emphasis on chandeliers, sconces, and exterior lighting.

A variety of chandelier styles is on display, and many are unusual, handcrafted, and exclusive to the store. They emphasize natural materials, and choices include traditional crystal or French country handwrought iron, and an increasing number are imported from Europe. Also available are chandelier shades and chain covers, many with holiday colors.

In addition, Heritage Light-

ing is doing much more of its own design work, including glass bell jars, so appropriate for entry halls and foyers. In assorted styles, they can also be customized. A full selection of floor and table lamps is on display, including a special group with shirred silk or cut velvet shades in cream, peach, burgundy, and slate. Some feature hanging crystal prisms, and these are unique, one-of-a-kind pieces, particularly appropriate for sitting room, bedroom or boudoir.

There are also handcrafted fixtures, many featuring brass and pewter combinations, from France and other European countries. A handsome Seville lamp with iron base offers handpainted shade in red with gold accent.

Sconces have become more and more popular, and there is an assortment of wonderful Romanesque styles in alabaster, offering very warm ambient light, creating a soft and

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Heritage Lighting has an outstanding assortment of exterior lighting, including handcrafted copper and brass, which can be customized to size, finish, and glass choices.

In addition to its focus on lighting, the store has an expanded selection of furniture and accessories. There is a large variety of imported and domestic mirrors in all sizes, many with beautiful handcarved wood frames. The bronzes, very much in demand, are in many designs, including Napoleon on horseback.

Heritage Lighting is open Monday through Saturday 10 to 6, Sunday 12 to 6.



So much chocolate — so little time! One is overtaken with that sentiment upon arrival at **Robinson's Fine Candles**. The chocolate is made right on the premises of this popular store in The Montgomery Center, and the aroma of fresh chocolate and the tempting displays are irresistible.

Favorites include Robinson's famous general assortments (In dark, milk, and mixed), ranging from one pound to 4-pound boxes, priced from \$14.95. In addition, there are European truffle assortments at \$19.95, and Grand Marnier cherries at \$21.95.

Robinson's special decorated Christmas mints at \$18.95 for the box or bell basket always sell out, and there is also a selection of other holiday specialties, such as ribbon candy (\$4.95 a box), chocolate-filled or mint-filled straws, assorted hard candy, barley sugar "toys" and pops, non pareils with holiday sprinkles, red Christmas tree lollipops, and Robinson's own candy canes.

The shop has an especially nice assortment of gift tins, trays, and mugs in holiday motif, which can be filled with

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the customer's choices, such as homemade fudge and peanut brittle, as well as a big selection of fresh roasted nuts.

Foil-covered chocolate ball ornaments, Santas and Snowmen are on display, as are the melt-in-your-mouth peppermint, cinnamon, and lime candles in wreath, bell, and holly shape. Mikasa crystal dishes filled with chocolates are a special gift at \$39.95, as is the pretty holiday bowl also filled with chocolate, at \$24.95.

Chocolate novelties are big sellers, and there is really something for everyone. For the holidays, there is a one pound image of Santa's face (\$13.95), a Season's Greeting plaque (\$8.95), candy canes, and Santa pops (\$1.75).

And if the holiday parties are all just too much, there are two king-sized white chocolate asplrin for \$9.95! Other popular novelties include everything from golf clubs and balls to classic cars to computers, starting at \$4.95. Also fun are the chocolate spoons in assorted flavors — mocha, amaretto, and Irish Cream — which are a sweet addition to a place setting! (\$1.50).

Robinson's has a Hanukkah selection, including large chocolate candles at \$4.95 and chocolate coins. A full range of sugarless chocolate is also available.

Gift certificates and gift wrapping are offered, and hours are Monday through Friday 10 to 7, Saturday until 5, Sunday 12 to 4.



Many wonderful gift-giving choices are on display at **Marlowe's Jewelry & Repairs** in the Princeton Shopping Center. The store's appealing selection includes precious and semi precious stones, gold, sterling silver, pearls, and the creations of special designers.

"People love jewelry. Also, many pieces mark an occasion or have been passed down in the family. They have a story to tell," says co-owner Marlene Marlowe. "We have tried to go a little beyond the classic jewelry that you see everywhere. We feel we offer an outstanding selection and unique designers, and also at the same time in a more affordable price range."

"We're quality-oriented, with items for many budgets," adds co-owner Richard Marlowe. "You can come in and get a very nice piece of jewelry at \$20 or for much more."

Among the designers represented is Ron Rizzo, who specializes in gold and silver, often with a braided effect in necklaces, bracelets, and earrings. "He emphasizes day-to-evening wear, and works in all categories, including South Sea pearls," points out Mrs. Marlowe.

Also available are the bracelets, rings, earrings, and necklaces of SoHo, which

feature "art of enamel" in 18k gold, and the creations of William Schraft. 18k gold and precious stones are his specialty, and he incorporates contemporary styling with the old and the new for an intriguing look.

Marlowe's also has an extensive selection of the very popular Judith Jacks collection, noted for designs in sterling silver and marcasite. Earrings, necklaces, bracelets and limited edition pins are all in stock, and include the hot-selling lariat necklaces and stackable bangle bracelets. Also available are Judith Jacks designs in belt buckles and evening bags.

Pearls are a traditional holiday gift, and Marlowe's carries contemporary, as well as classic styles. Different shades, including pink, black, and gray are offered, and in everything from one single drop pearl to multi strands. Large freshwater pearls from China are another specialty.

Hoop earrings in gold, silver, or gold with diamond accent are also a big seller for the holidays.

Marlowe's is known for restoration and renovation, and a jeweler is on the premises five days a week. Giving an old piece a new look is popular today, and as Mr. Marlowe notes "Custom jewelry and restyling and remodeling is important. We can transform old pieces — pendants to rings, rings to pendants, etc. It's a way to keep an old family piece, but with a more modern or different look."

Another service is the conversion of pierced earrings to clip-ons or vice versa.

In addition to jewelry, the store carries a selection of watches, sterling silver baby gifts, and sterling pens and picture frames. Marlowe's own signature brand of men's and women's Swiss watches starts at \$70, and also available are Roven Dino watches from \$250 to \$500, Jean Marcel's traditional styles, a variety of the big selling titanium watches, and pocket watches.

Movado clocks are offered in several handsome styles in black, gold, and sterling, and the small sizes start at \$50.

Jewelry repair continues to be an important part of Marlowe's business, and resetting, restringing, cleaning, and soldering are all done on the premises.

Gift certificates and gift wrapping are available, and hours are Sunday and Monday 11 to 4, Tuesday through Saturday 10 to 5:30, Thursday until 7. Also hours by appointment.



Serendipity, the gift and home furnishings shop at 18 North Main Street in Pennington, is well-named. Customers find an unexpected treasure trove when they encounter the wonderfully eclectic selection of hand-done items. Everything from handbags, pillows and

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SANTA'S HELPER: Cynthia Holland of The Whole Earth Center is shown with one of the store's holiday gift baskets, containing assorted bath and body items. Baskets are priced from \$15 to \$45. Also available are pretty holiday tins, from \$3.50 and Whole Earth tote and string bags. All can be filled with the great variety of Whole Earth products.

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scarves to jewelry, candles and pottery to lamps, rugs, and furniture is offered in an intriguing display that makes browsing a must.

Many items are from area artists and designers, including the wonderful felt animals — whimsical zebras and horses — from a Lawrenceville artist. Another designer makes animals out of recycled cashmere, in fun colors and styles, and all the kids will want to wrap up in the super soft Polar Fleece sleeping bags (\$58) and car throws (\$32). In a variety of bright colors and patterns, they are hot sellers, as are the pillows, starting at \$20.

Serendipity also has weaving kits for kids, with loom, knitting spool and braiding spool in animal shapes, a popular item for \$24.

Ornaments of all kinds are beautifully displayed, and there are many from local artists, priced from \$10 to \$40. Six different glass blowing artists have provided gorgeous balls, some decorated with raised dots of colored "snow".

One of Serendipity's jewelry artists has also designed very attractive holly and snowflake pewter ornaments with silver or gold finish.

The shop has a very appealing showcase for the creations of the 10 jewelry designers represented. Seven display cases immediately catch the eye, and offer a variety of hand-done necklaces, earrings, and bracelets, featuring sterling silver and precious and semi-precious pieces by designers from New York to San Francisco.

Very special are the lovely and delicate "baby" bracelets, created from vintage beads (some from the 1920s), pearls and sterling silver. Suitable for children, they are so pretty that they are very

popular for teenagers and women with smaller wrists.

Also in demand is the assortment of very unusual night lights, with dragonfly, sail boat, fairy, animal, angel, and sun and moon pictures in handmade copper frames. The images have actually been photographed and transferred onto the velum and then framed. Very special at \$40.

Other great gift ideas are fun, colorful clocks from London. In assorted sizes and designs, some on wheels, featuring whimsical figures, and cats and dogs, they start at \$150.

Also from England is an eclectic selection of Mary Wells cleverly handpainted tableware in black and white cat designs, featuring sentiments, such as "Grin Like a Cheshire Cat" and "The Cat That Got the Cream". Mugs, cups and saucer, plate, teapot, salt and pepper, vase, even a clock are all available.

Blown and hand-etched glassware from Illusion Glass offers a perfect selection for upcoming holiday parties. Vodka sets, margarita, martini, and wine glasses are all available in stylish designs.

Serendipity also carries a selection of handbags from several designers, in a variety of designs and fabric. For the holidays, there is a wonderful assortment of red, black, and silver evening bags in silk and dupioni silk, featuring sparkles and feathers, from \$38.

Also available is a great selection of stunning hand-painted silk and chiffon scarves, candles of every kind (including boxed sets, starting at \$16 — a great hostess gift), and a nice variety of small guest soaps in assorted fragrances.

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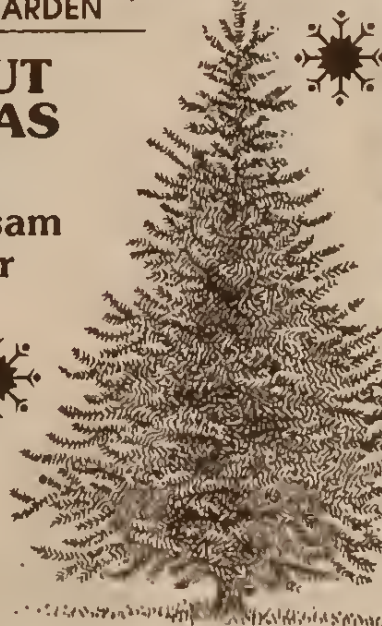


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Baumley Nursery, Landscaping & Garden Center at 4339 Route 27 just north of Kingston has been a favorite of home gardeners for more than 15 years. It offers quality products, knowledgeable service and a friendly atmosphere, which make shopping for that special Christmas tree a pleasure.

An extensive supply of trees, wreaths, roping, and grave blankets, sprays and crosses, is available, and owner Jeff Baumley emphasizes handmade natural decorations.

Wreaths include his own handmade decorated creations, made of all fresh greens, at \$35. Undecorated wreaths are \$8. Trees include fresh cut Douglas, Fraser, and concolor fir, from five and six feet to 10 to 12 feet, with some tabletop sizes also available.

Blue, Serbian, and Norway spruce, and Fraser, Douglas fir, and white pine live trees are also offered, with little decorated dwarf Alberta spruce suitable for tabletops, at \$21.99.

Roping includes eight varieties, such as mixed greens, boxwood, Fraser and Douglas fir, white pine, princess pine, and western cedar. Baumley's also makes very nice centerpieces from fresh greens.

There is a big selection of decorating supplies for do-it-yourselfers, as well as ornaments, ribbons, and all the trimmings. Baumley's also carries "Santa's Sturdy Tree Stand", a heavy iron stand painted in handsome green and burgundy, which is a must for extra large, hard-to-stand-up big trees.

A large assortment of poinsettia plants in all colors and sizes starts at \$4.99, and there is a beautiful poinsettia "tree" made of red and white poinsettia plants. Cyclamen plants, and amaryllis and paper white kits are also on display, and mistletoe is offered at \$2.99.

Baumley's also has an inviting Christmas shop with a cozy fireplace and filled with theme trees, and a big variety of decorations. There is a good supply of retired Dickens' New England and Snow Villages, as well as collectible papier mache Santas, from \$20, and the white bisque Snowbabies.

Pretty red and green plaid Christmas stockings are \$7.99, and ornaments, wreath hangers and a full selection of lights are all available, as are boxed Christmas cards.

Little bundles of fatwood are great for starting the fire, at \$2.99 each, and also available are fun lighted outdoor wire reindeer, a full selection of grapevine reindeer in assorted sizes, and candy canes made of fresh greens.

Baumley's is open Monday through Saturday 8 to 7, Sunday 10 to 6.

Altina's J & A Interiors, the full-service design studio, recently moved to expanded new quarters in the Princeton Shopping Center, and the lovely spacious showroom offers a wonderful opportunity to browse among a full array of furniture and accessories.

Everything from sofas, leather chairs and desks to lamps and Oriental rugs to accent pillows, bookends and artwork is available for sale. The tasteful display creates an inviting and gracious atmosphere, and there are many excellent items for holiday gift-giving.

Stunning custom silk flower arrangements are offered at \$100 and up, and also available is a selection of beautiful crystal, reasonably priced, including a charming Rose Bowl at \$65 and large punch bowl at \$135.

A lovely open work ceramic basket with floral accent is \$93, and the selection of handpainted decorative boxes is sure to please. In several designs and sizes, these range from \$219 to \$350.

Also available are bookends, not always easy to find, and one set features golf club and ball in brass and black wood for \$126. The popular and collectible Staffordshire dogs are on display, as well, at \$42.50 each, and another favorite gift item is one of the charming enamel miniatures. Diminutive watering cans and teapots in bright color combinations and appealing designs are priced at \$28.50.

Altina's J & A Interiors also offers an excellent selection of lamps (including some with special fringed shades), framed art — from still life and botanicals to landscapes and animals — mirrors, and planters and trays.

In addition, handsome fringed chenille throws in many colors and patterns are available from \$195, and there is also a nice assortment of needlepoint accent pillows, and the popular key tassels in many colors at \$16.

Another service at the studio is monogramming, and there is still time to have towels, robes, Christmas stockings, etc. personalized in this way.

And of course, Altina's J & A Interiors can help with all your interior decorating needs, from one room to an entire house.

Gift certificates are available, and hours are Monday through Friday 9:30 to 5:30, Saturday 10 to 4:30.



La Terraza at 276 North Main Street in Pennington has a wonderful selection of handcrafted items, focusing on garden appointments and home accessories. Formerly emphasizing pottery and glassware almost exclusively from Mexico, the store has now branched out to include a wide range of items from

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France, Italy, Portugal, and the U.S., as well as Mexico.

Tumbler size and old-fashioned glasses from France feature a charming honeybee motif and are big sellers, as are the elegant glass wine coasters from Portugal, offered at \$15.



Vintage champagne buckets from France include Moët and Mercier, and at \$28 and up, they make a versatile gift — and you can even include a bottle of wine! Also special and a very hot seller are the large handblown tulip hurricanes from Portugal for \$98.

Tea towels and linens from France are in assorted colors and intriguing designs, such as The Three Musketeers and Cyrano de Bergerac (in hot pink!), offered at \$15, and table runners are available at \$48.

There is also an excellent variety of hostess gifts, including assorted whimsical guest soaps, such as black and white sheep, little pink pigs, and a hen with eggs. Also available are the popular Archipelago Botanicals, featuring bath crystals, lotions, and candles, in several fragrances, including the favorite Enfleurage.

A big variety of scented and unscented candles includes an exceedingly realistic topiary candle. There are also charming clay pineapple candle holders at \$32.50.

A selection of 10 handsome notecards offers landmark



ONE-OF-KIND: Linda Ellsworth (left), manager, and Joan Hagen, owner of La Plume & Papier, are shown with a beautiful wedding album, hand-crafted by Jill Schwartz. The shop carries a full selection of the designer's other creations, including photo albums and frames, letter openers and paper weights, even a perpetual calendar.

scenes from France, such as the Eiffel Tower, at \$19. A San Francisco company has a great selection of items for artists, such as a package of three quality erasers for \$19, a drawing set including sharpener, pencil and eraser, and a sketch portfolio, with an engaging vintage cover.

Also special are the colorful and unusual hearth brooms in red with bamboo handles for \$22, and their companion whisk brooms at \$12.

La Terraza owner Gretchen Christie has emphasized a whimsical and refreshing feeling, both in her choice of merchandise and the ambience of the store. A selection of charming children's lamps offers the most appealing

shades — pig, dog, cow, and ladybug — in assorted colors. A clay piggy bank is irresistible at \$29.

Also fun are ice cube trays, with garden tool ice cube design and a special kneeling pad for \$14 — a must for your favorite gardener.



There is still a selection of the popular chimineas, from \$160, and La Terraza's many pottery items extend into the area outside. Decorative planters in many styles and sizes, Celtic crosses, a beautiful Venetian-style Italian butterfly/birdbath ("A little

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jewel", says Ms. Christie), and other museum birdbath reproductions are all on display.

La Terraza offers gift certificates and festive gift bags, and is open Monday through Friday 10 to 6, Thursday until 7, Saturday until 5, Sunday 11 to 5.



Rider Furniture, the popular furniture and home furnishings store at 12-14 Main Street in Kingston has expanded its space, adding a new area upstairs, featuring sample rooms and display settings. There is a full selection of furniture in every category, including handsome leather chairs and sofas, always a holiday favorite.

Especially appealing is the sample child's room, filled with bunk bed, small chairs (including charming rockers, from \$59), table, and desk. Other room settings seen throughout the store feature living room, dining room and bedroom samples.

The accessory collection includes lamps, mirrors, grandfather clocks, and a big selection of framed art in all styles and prices — \$15 to



IN DEMAND: Judy Guldalian, co-owner with her sister Ruth Ann Basmajian of the Piccadilly, is shown by a display of the Vera Bradley collection. The popular women's shop offers the full collection, including garment, tote, duffle, and sports bag, and luggage on wheels. The line of machine-washable quilted items also includes small and large cosmetic cases, travel cases, coin purses, and handbags, all in the latest patterns.

\$500. New this year is an the intriguing handcarved electric fireplace, with very realistic flame and logs. The height of convenience, it switches on and off by remote control, and the flame can be adjusted.

A variety of miscellaneous items includes brass candlesticks, decorative wall slates, duck decoys, lighthouses (\$14.99), wine basket with silver finish (\$35), and absolutely wonderful handcarved wood giraffes. In two sizes (almost five and six feet tall), they are very engaging, as is

Rider also carries a big assortment of holiday decorations and gift items. Beautifully decorated handmade silk wreaths, centerpieces, trees, and poinsettias look very real, and are extremely popular for home decorating. In several sizes, they are priced from \$25.

There are lots of ornaments, as well as decorative

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snowmen (including a ceramic snowman "Lamp-lighter"), snowmen taper candles — two for \$7.50, and a cute plush Santa with his Christmas list at \$12. A decorative pillow features a skating Santa, with the message: "First Christmas of the Century" (\$9.99).

A selection of holiday-motif tableware includes teapot, cream and sugar, serving pieces, and large mugs (\$11), and there is also a pretty Hanukkah snow shaker for \$25.

Rider has a large selection of plush animals in a variety of sizes, with little penquins on skis (\$8) and a larger very cute fluffy teddy bear for \$16.

Gift certificates are available, and hours are Monday through Friday 10 to 6, Thursday until 8, Saturday until 5, Sunday 12 to 4.

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Nassau Street Seafood Co. at 256 Nassau Street is a Princeton favorite. Known for its super seafood and fresh produce (and its companion restaurant — the Blue Point Grill), it has set

the standard for high quality seafood for 19 years. It offers lots of delicious holiday gift and party ideas.

What's a holiday party without shrimp? Nassau Street Seafood has all sizes. The popular shrimp cocktail platter with 50 shrimp and sauce is \$39.99. The shrimp and crab platter with 30 shrimp and 20 crab claws is another favorite, also \$39.99.

Salmon is always in demand, and poached Atlantic salmon with dill sauce and salmon en crouete are favorites at \$12.99 per pound. Four-ounce and one pound smoked sides from Norway and Scotland range from \$6.99 to \$27 per side.

Other holiday specialties include broiler-ready lobster tails, calamari, herb-crusted sea bass, baccala, and of course, caviar. Very big this year from Russia and Iran! Beluga, Sevruga, and Ossetra are all available, with one ounce of Royal Iranian Ossetra at \$75. There is a full range of other prices.

In addition, stone crab claws, Nantucket scallops, 15 varieties of oysters, and squid, octopus, eel, and smoked fish are all favorites for the season.

All the hot and cold hors d'oeuvres are in full supply, including baby crab cakes, conch fritters, clams Casino or oreganata, oysters Florentine, artichoke crab dip, clams and oysters on the half shell, and the famous smoked tuna spread — and much more!

Also, special for the holidays are two dishes: Paella Nassau, a delicious assortment of seafood, chicken and chorizo served over saffron rice, and Newburg Nassau, another tempting assortment of seafood poached in a lobster cream sauce served over savory rice. Both offer baby mixed green salad and Portuguese peasant bread.

Non-seafood items include an excellent selection of fresh local turkeys, Smithfield hams, capons, and fresh geese. The store has an expanded produce section, and it also carries the popular Terhune Orchard pies. Full-service catering is offered for any size dinner, party, or event.

Nassau Street Seafood is offering cooking classes, focusing on seafood, over four weeks in January and February. Prices are \$55 per class, \$200 for four. Gift certificates are available for all classes, as well as Nassau Street Seafood, and for the Blue Point Grill.

Nassau Street Seafood is open Monday through Thursday 8:30 to 7, Friday until 7:30, Saturday until 6, Sunday 9 to 3.



The new expanded **Kevin Kopil Furniture Gallery** is located just behind the Lambertville House hotel on Bridge Street in Lambertville. The showroom features handsome furniture in the Shaker and Danish Mission styles, designed by Mr. Kopil, and all handmade by craftspeople in Vermont.

The smooth, clean lines of Mr. Kopil's furniture, and the high quality workmanship are especially admired by Frank Lloyd Wright fans, who appreciate the spare, sculptural shapes that echo the Arts & Crafts movement.

Dining room and bedroom sets are displayed, and coffee and end tables are in demand, as are fully custom-designed pieces commis-

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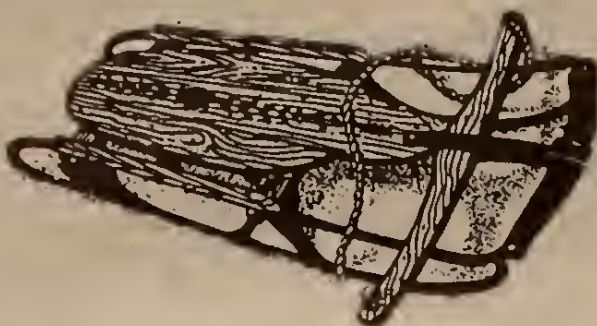
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Engagements

LaChance-Ragsdale. Michele J. LaChance, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William J. LaChance, Holden, Mass., to Daniel A. Ragsdale, son of Mr. and Mrs. Richard Ragsdale, Meadowbrook Lane, Skillman.

Ms. LaChance is a graduate of Roger Williams University, Bristol, R.I., where she earned a B.A. degree in history. She is employed by the Portledge School, Locust Valley, N.Y., as a math teacher and soccer coach.

Mr. Ragsdale is a graduate of Princeton Day School and of Tufts University, Medford, Mass., where he earned a B.A. degree in history. He is employed by Buckley Country Day School, Roslyn, N.Y., as an English teacher, soccer coach, and basketball coach.

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The bride is a graduate of Princeton Day School, Dartmouth College, Hanover, N.H., and Georgetown Medical School, Washington, D.C. She is an obstetrician-gynecologist and will practice in Winnetka, Ill.

Mr. Flickinger graduated from Cornell University, Ithaca, N.Y., and received an M.B.A. degree from Columbia University, New York City. He is a senior vice president at Information Resources, Chicago, Ill.

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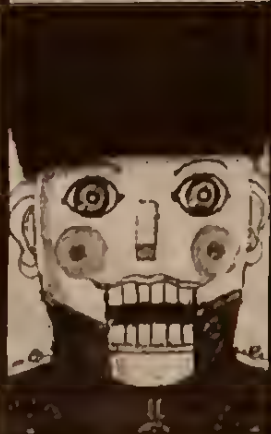
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This is not exactly how you remember Charles Dickens' *A Christmas Carol*, that childhood favorite short story and inspiration for hundreds of stage adaptations, updatings, musicals, 13 film versions, 17 made-for-TV movies, numerous sit-com spoofs, a Mr. Magoo cartoon and untold influences on our commercialized contemporary Christmas rituals?

Fear not! McCarter Theatre's new production of *A Christmas Carol*, adapted by David Thompson and directed by Michael Unger, strikes an extraordinarily effective balance between the somber and the sublime. It's a production that will move audiences of all ages — though the terrors of this ghost story will be too upsetting for the youngest — as it entertains with its rich humor, its vibrant visual effects (sets by the renowned Ming Cho Lee, lighting by Stephen Strawbridge and costumes by Jess Goldstein), its rousing original music (by Michael Starobin) and choreography (by Naomi Goldberg).

Mr. Unger's clever, resourceful staging presents a cornucopia of delightful surprises, both human and supernatural, throughout — even for those who have seen many previous renditions of this classic. At different moments partaking (but never to excess) of the farcical, the melodramatic, the morbid and the sentimental; this production wins over its



A GHOSTLY VISIT: Jacob Marley's ghost (Mark Niebuhr, left) visits his old business partner Ebenezer Scrooge (John Christopher Jones) to warn him and to announce the visits of the ghosts of Christmas Past, Present and Future, in McCarter Theatre's new production of Charles Dickens' *A Christmas Carol*, playing through December 24.

multi-age audience early on and keeps us squarely in the palm of its hand to manipulate at will.

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A Christmas Carol

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with morbid images of gloom and sorrow, ends happily, as the hero transforms his life. Both Dickens and McCarter deliver ample doses of humor and warm Christmas spirit, along with the powerful moral, human and social issues.

A Christmas Carol, lest anyone has forgotten, is the story of Ebenezer Scrooge (John Christopher Jones), "a squeezing, wrenching, grasping, scraping, clutching, covetous, old sinner." On Christmas Eve, Scrooge receives visit from the ghost of his old partner, Jacob Marley (Mark Niebuhr), who warns "the chains he forged in life" and warns Scrooge that he too will pay for the mean-spiritedness of his life and that ghosts of Christmas Past, Present and Future will be visiting him that night to carry out his much needed spiritual instruction.

As Scrooge journeys with each of the three different supernatural beings, he first revisits his boyhood, and then his young adulthood and courting days before money became his all-consuming passion. With the spirit of Christmas Present (Kim Brockington) he travels invisibly to different parts of London to observe the lives of his nephew Fred (James Ludwig) and his long-suffering clerk Bob Cratchit (Simon Brooking) and Cratchit's impoverished family. These observations are painful for Scrooge, as he sees what he has lost from his past, what he is missing in the present, and what ill will and unhappiness his life has created for others.

Future Was Chilling

The most chilling of all, however, is Scrooge's visit to the future to see his own gravestone, to see no mourners at his death, no loved ones, but only his mistreated servant Mrs. Dilber (Mikel Sarah Lambert) pawning his possessions for a few shillings. The harrowing lessons from the three spirits are not lost on Scrooge, who wakes up to find that it is Christmas morning and he has time to make amends for his years of greed and spite. The heartwarming transformation begins with his new generosity and kindness to his nephew and the Cratchit family.

In addition to the balancing act between dark and light, tragedy and pageantry in this show there is the challenge of adapting and staging Dickens' vividly poetic narrative voice, a voice that sets the tone of the original text and communicates much of the plot detail. Mr. Thompson's adaptation provides no narrator, though characters take up some of the narrative commentary. It is the visual and auditory extravaganza here that takes the place of that narrative voice, and Mr. Unger and McCarter Theatre have spared neither expense nor resources in their creation of these multiple scenes and varied natural and supernatural moments.

Mr. Unger brings together this mammoth production with apparent ease and grace, as the pace flows smoothly and rapidly from scene to scene, the cast of more than 30 interweaves convincingly, and the frequent surprises and special effects astonish and delight.

Sets with Dazzling Flair

From the powerful simplicity of the opening scene, with a lone evergreen tree in the middle of a bare stage and the tall dark buildings of London topped by the dome of St. Paul's Cathedral in the background, to the austerity of Scrooge's office, his haunted house with Marley's face on the doorknocker and supernatural shocks galore in his bedroom, to the gravestone literally blazing with the letters of his name "EBENEZER SCROOGE" in foot-high letters, Ming Cho Lee's set creates the changing moods with dazzling flair and imagination.

Mr. Starobin's music — often in the Christmas spirit sung by enthusiastic carolers or a talented children's chorus, sometimes designed to enhance the suspense and terror of the ghostly moments, and always integrated skillfully and seamlessly into the drama — contributes significantly to the production.

From the carefully rehearsed, thoroughly focused children's ensemble to the seasoned, distinguished professional actors playing the principal roles, the cast is consistently, impressively strong. Especially memorable are Robert Ari as the goodnatured Mr. Fezziwig and later as the rapacious old pawnbroker; Ms. Brockington as a dynamic ghost of Christmas present with sparkling red dress, bright green cape and her magic scepter for spreading Christmas cheer; Ms. Lambert as Scrooge's house servant Mrs. Dilber, in a role effectively expanded from the original text; and, appropriately, most memorable of all, Mr. Jones' Scrooge, who controls the audience's attention and emotions from his first "Bah, humbug" to his final heartfelt "Merry Christmas." The closing Christmas Day moments, with Scrooge practicing his newly discovered generosity and kindness (almost everyone in the audience must have seen these scenes before!) unerringly move the audience with the spirit and power of Dickens' message of good will.

As a young writer in his early thirties, Dickens was shocked in observing working conditions of children in a tin mine in Cornwall. He vowed to write a political pamphlet condemning child labor, but changed his mind. "Rest assured," he wrote, "when you see what I do, and where, and how, you will certainly feel that a sledgehammer has come down with 20 times the force — 20 thousand times the force — I could exert by following out my first idea." The result was *A Christmas Carol*, published in 1843, and the force over the intervening 157 years has been no less than Dickens predicted.

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Princeton Pro Musica will perform Handel's *Messiah* on Saturday, December 16 at 8 p.m. in Princeton University's Richardson Auditorium.

The annual Princeton Pro Musica *Messiah* performances have become a tradition in Central New Jersey; Pro Musica is well into its third decade of these performances. The soloists include Judith Pannill, soprano; Drew Minter, counter-tenor; and Curtis Streetman, baritone.

Princeton Pro Musica also welcomes tenor Jonathan Boyd to his first performance with the organization. Frances Fowler Slade, Founder and Music Director of Princeton Pro Musica, will conduct.

Judith Pannill, soprano, is also an accomplished violinist; she was the first student to graduate with double degrees from the Peabody Conservatory of Music. She has performed to acclaim in Carnegie Hall, Avery Fisher Hall, Alice Tully Hall, and the Kennedy Center of the Performing Arts.

Countertenor Drew Minter has appeared in leading roles with opera companies all over the world. He is represented on more than 40 recordings and his articles and reviews have appeared in Opera News, Musical Times, and Early Music America.

Jonathan Boyd, tenor, has performed in opera and oratorio throughout the United States, Italy, Canada and the United Kingdom. He has also been seen on the concert stage in Italy and Canada, performing works by Vaughn Williams, Britten, Handel and Mozart. Next month he will be

debuting with Sarasota Opera in the role of Fenton in its production of *Folstopp*.

Bass Curtis Streetman, has won critical acclaim from such publications as the New York Times, which wrote, "the real satisfaction of the evening lay in the performance of Curtis Streetman, a bass with impressive credentials."

For 2000's festive *Messiah* performance, Princeton Pro Musica will present a chamber chorus and modern instruments. *Messiah* has been performed continuously since its composition in 1741—the longest active performance history of any work in the music literature.

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MUSIC REVIEW

University Orchestra, Jazz Ensemble Combine For Concert Featuring 20th-Century Works

Violinist Anna Lim has been busy these days. Last week she played chamber music of Britten, Delius, and Vaughan Williams with the Richardson Chamber Players, and this week was featured with the Princeton University Orchestra in a violin concerto of another towering figure of 20th-century music — Igor Stravinsky. Stravinsky's Violin Concerto in D was the centerpiece of the second half of the Orchestra's winter concert, presented Thursday and Saturday night at Richardson Auditorium. Conductor Michael Pratt shared the podium with Anthony D.J. Branker, conductor of Princeton University's Concert Jazz Ensemble. The Jazz Ensemble was featured in a first half that included some very contemporary and innovative music.

Mr. Pratt began Saturday night's concert (a repeat of Thursday night) with a world premiere of Dan Trueman's *Roulette*. This work is based on a folk piece for Hardanger fiddle (also called the hardingfele), a 17th-century Norwegian folk violin. This instrument has more than 20 known tunings, and Mr. Trueman chose to employ double stops over the sound of five resonating strings. Many of the repeated motives were played by solo violist Jonathan Vinocour, with syncopated woodblock and sliding trombones accompanying. Solos were also heard from oboist Andrew Brald, concertmaster Sean Avram-Carpenter, clarinetist Jesse Yang, and bassoonist Joseph Wang. The effect was more haunting than the source material would imply, and its jazzy nature went well with the Duke Ellington piece that came next on the program.

1950 Duke Ellington work

Mr. Branker took the podium and his Concert Jazz Ensemble joined the Orchestra for Duke Ellington's *A Tone Porollet to Horlem*. In 1950, Duke Ellington was commissioned by Arturo Toscanini and the NBC Symphony to write a piece combining the Symphony with his own band. Ellington described the resulting piece as "a concerto grosso for our band and the symphony" that gave him "the opportunity to make some statements on the subject of Harlem, the music and the people." Mr. Branker provided a rollicking account of Ellington's musical depiction of one of New York City's hottest neighborhoods.

The members of the Jazz Ensemble mixed in well with the Orchestra, and Branker drew a very different sound from the Orchestra than did Pratt, as he continually drove the pulsating nature of the piece. *A Tone Porollet to Horlem* switches back and forth from a piece for jazz band, with sashaying brass and a 1930s sound to pizzicato strings accompanying a baritone

saxophone. As musical depictions often do, this piece also shifts tempi frequently, and Branker held his players together well through the rubati and slow drag moments. Soloists came from both ensembles, most notably clarinetists Yang and Audrey Wright, bass clarinetist Ewina Fung, trombonist Brett Leghorn, trumpeter Beth Brittle, and baritone saxophonist Alex Kontorovich. Drummer Scott Lescher kept the rhythm section from overpowering the rest of the ensemble.

Stravinsky's Violin Concerto in D

These two jazzy pieces set up the program well for Stravinsky's Violin Concerto in D, composed at a time when he was living in Europe. Although in four movements, this Concerto is not in the genre of Mozart or Beethoven. Stravinsky reverted to musical idioms of Bach's time, before the violin concerto reached its heyday. However, in typical Stravinsky fashion, this work pushes the technical limits of the instrument with unusual and difficult stretches of the hand and virtuoso playing in the closing movement Presto.

Ms. Lim was well up to the challenge, and found both the neoclassic melodic style of the piece and the punctuating Stravinsky trademarks. The Toccato was not as improvisatory as one would expect from the title, and Ms. Lim brought out the two very different styles of the middle movement Arios. The third movement Arios was especially well played in the lower register of her instrument, which provided a sharp contrast to the higher register jagged motives previously heard. Mr. Pratt kept his orchestra well under control in the steady and even accompaniment, in which it would be easy to let the dynamics get out of hand. All of these movements had conventional, and at times delicate, endings, which were well played by both orchestra and soloist. There was an especially good sense of ensemble among the winds throughout the piece.

The concert closed with *Lo volse of Maurice Ravel*, a composer linked to Stravinsky by his also composing for the ballet. This piece was composed in a dark time in Ravel's life, and is clearly influenced by living in Europe through World War I. From the beginning crescendo from the lower strings, this piece is dark and angry, almost a diabolical waltz. Although a waltz, there is something cruel and cutting about the work's percussive nature, and until the harps and upper strings enter, there is nothing in this music that would inspire one to dance. The orchestra reached numerous dynamic highs, and Mr. Pratt conveyed the dark nature of the work well, to close this concert of works that were contemporary, yet steeped in history and tradition.

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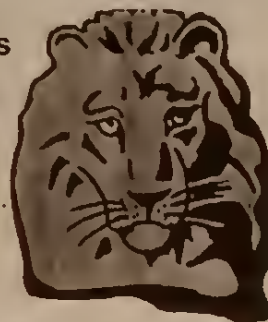
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The Princeton Singers, under the direction of Steven Sametz, present "Christmas with The Princeton Singers: Music and Readings of the Season" on Saturday, December 16 at 8 at the Unitarian Church of Princeton, Cherry Hill Road.

Fast becoming a tradition, the evening offers a combination of the new and unusual together with the familiar and beloved, punctuated by equally diverse readings. Chants and carols serve as the focal points for selections ranging from Josquin and Weelkes to Warlock — and Rossini and Bruckner.

The program opens with chant, candlelight, and handbells. Grouped around the seasonal chants will be such Renaissance works as the Josquin Ave Morio, Tompkins' O Sing Unto the Lord, and Weelkes' popular Hosanna to the Son of David. A number of introspective contemporary works — John Tavener's Mognificot, Warlock's lush Bethlehem Down, and Peace on Earth, a new work by Steven Sametz are also planned.

Following intermission, the program widens in focus. Romantic works will include Bruckner's motet Virgo Jesse and Rossini's Christmas Pastorale, featuring Alan Champion, baritone. The popular carol In dulci jubilo, as well as Britten's graceful Sweet was the Song and carols from various lands will also be offered. The evening will close with a set of three English carols arranged by Peter Warlock.

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Now in its third season under Dr. Sametz's direction, the style that has become The Princeton Singers' hallmark stresses purity of sound and tuning in a rich vocal palette of color and tone.

The English Cathedral tradition continues to find expression in the choir's current concert programs and recordings. The Princeton Singers' commitment to contemporary composition is reflected in the frequent programming of innovative works from many diverse cultures, as well as in the organi-

zation's ongoing commissioning arrangement with Dr. Sametz.

In addition to serving as artistic director of The Princeton Singers, he is also director of choral activities at Lehigh University. Recent guest conducting appearances include the Talpei Philharmonic Foundation, the Berkshire Choral Festival, the New York Chamber Symphony, and the Netherlands Radio Choir.

Dr. Sametz' compositions have been heard throughout the world at the Tanglewood, Ravinia, Schleswig-Holstein, Santa Fe, and Salzburg music festivals.

Tickets for the December 16 performance are priced at \$15 (\$10, seniors and students), and will be available at the door. The Unitarian Church of Princeton is located at the corner of Route 206 and Cherry Hill Road.

**George Winston
 Returns to McCarter
 On December 18**

George Winston, a master of contemporary solo piano, pays tribute on Monday, December 18, at 8 p.m. at McCarter Theatre to the peace and tranquility of the season with a selection of music that illustrates his melodic and impressionistic piano style.

His program includes songs such as Sarah McLachlan's Angel, selections from his popular, seasonally-inspired album December, and several pieces played on the Hawaiian slack key guitar and harmonica.

The Hawaiian slack key guitar is an instrument that predates the steel guitar by 60 years. Slack key is a finger-picking style that gets its name from the guitar's slack, or loose tuning. Winston says of his devotion to the slack key guitar, "I knew that something very deep was missing in my life. When I heard the great slack key guitarists, I knew instantly that's what I was looking for."

Even though this music comes from Hawaii, it brings me feelings of Montana, since that's my roots. There was no traditional music around when I was growing up, and I've adapted the Hawaiian musical language to express my feelings about Montana on guitar."

Winston's childhood in Montana exposed him to the natural beauty of the Great Plains, a landscape that has inspired much of the music he has created including his most recent album, Plains.

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Princeton Theological Seminary will present its annual Christmas carol service on Wednesday, December 20 at 6:30 and 8:30 p.m. (duplicate services) in the newly renovated Miller Chapel.

This year's service is titled "Carols of Many Nations" and will feature carols from around the world: New Zealand, Nepal, Korea, Wales, Youruba, Central America, and the Baltic region. These regions are represented in the seminary student body.

The Seminary Choirs, under the direction of C.F. Seabrook, director of Music Martin Tel, will sing anthems and will also be joined in the singing of Christmas hymns by the congregation.

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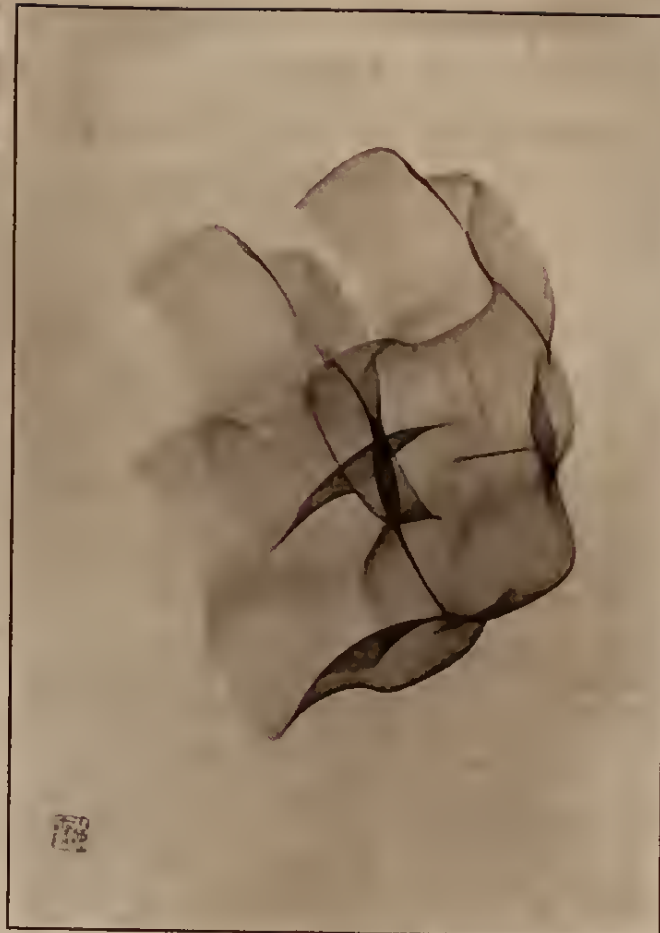
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The Brodsky Gallery is in ETS's Chauncey Conference Center, at the intersection of Carter and Rosedale Roads, Lawrenceville. Hours are Monday through Saturday, 9 to 4:30. For more information, call 921-9000.



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Born in Pennsylvania, Mr. Verostko was trained as an abstract painter. He has

spent a number of years as a Benedictine monk, during which he continued his artis-

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Sale hours will be 10 to 4:30, Mondays through Saturdays; and noon to 4:30, on Sundays.

The sale will include both works of fine art and functional crafts created by area artisans. Painting, drawings, and multimedia sculpture will be available, as will ceramics, jewelry, holiday ornaments, greeting cards, birdhouses, furniture, candles, and more.

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tic work. During the last 15 years he has expanded his work to include the use of the computer.

To achieve the effects he desired, he composed software programs to drive a pen plotter. In 1994, he received the Golden Plotter First Prize. He has lectured internationally on the subject of "Art and Algorithm."

Gallery hours are Tuesday through Saturday, 11 to 3. The gallery will be closed for the holidays from December 23 to January 2. For more information, call 921-1142.

An exhibition organized by Hopewell resident Malcolm Bray, at **Old English Pine (OEP)**, in Lambertville, will remain through December 31. It is the sixth annual group exhibition that Mr. Bray, artist, importer, and proprietor of OEP, has arranged.

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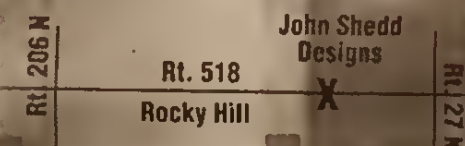
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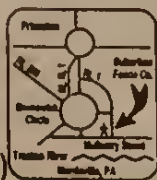
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SPORTS

Princeton Loses 80-73 to Lafayette; Rebounds with Upset Win over Xavier

Princeton University forward Andre Logan doesn't score a lot of points, and his stats aren't flashy. He just does whatever it takes to help his team.

With 3:36 remaining against Xavier on Saturday, and Princeton leading 48-47, Logan plucked a Eugene Baah miss out of the air and laid the ball in the basket for a 50-47 lead. He then took a beautiful pass from center Nate Walton and drove to the basket with 2:18 left. His shot was blocked, was in the cylinder, and Xavier was called for goaltending.

That basket broke a 50-50 tie, and gave Princeton the lead for good on its way to a huge 58-52 upset win in its home opener. Logan finished with five points, eight rebounds and two blocked shots in 22 quality minutes of action. He talked about the team's defensive tenacity afterwards.

"We've practiced defense all year. Our emphasis is on communication and rebounding, and we had intensity tonight."

"We talked about defense all week," said Princeton head coach John Thompson III. "Our concentration was there this whole game. Xavier is a team that's going to win a lot of games. We wanted to concentrate on defense, every aspect of it. Our offense is good, but we have to be a little more consistent with our attentiveness on defense."

Fired Up

The Tigers came out firing on all cylinders. After Xavier forward Romain Sato drained a three-pointer from beyond the left arc, Walton nailed a trey to tie the score with 17:25 remaining in the half. Princeton took its first lead after a Mike Bechtold three with 16:39 left.

Xavier center David West scored nine points in just four minutes to help give his team a 19-12 lead with 9:26 remaining in the half. Princeton's C.J. Chapman drained a three from the top of the circle, Walton glided through two defenders for a layup, and then scored off a feed from El-Nokali to tie the score at 19.

Trailing 22-21 late in the half, Princeton rallied again. Chapman drilled a long three as the shot clock expired to give the Orange and Black a 24-23 lead. Logan converted two free throws, and he fed Ahmed El-Nokali for his first two points of the season with 16 seconds left. He also converted a free throw to give Princeton a 29-25 halftime lead.

El-Nokali underwent surgery in October to repair a tendon in his groin. He returned to practice last week, and his status for the Xavier game was questionable. He played 25 minutes and finished with ten points.

Princeton led 37-29 after guard Kyle Wenthe took the ball from Xavier forward



DOWN IN THE BLOCKS: Kyle Wenthe, #3, looks to score down low against Xavier on Saturday. (Photo by Bill Allen/NJ SportAction)

Kevin Frey and converted a layup. Musketeers' head coach Skip Prosser called a 30 second timeout after a West layup on the other end. His squad quickly erased the lead after the break.

The Xavier Press

Full court pressure by the Musketeers stymied the Tigers, who had trouble getting the ball up the court. Xavier took a 38-37 lead after West converted two free throws with 10:48 left in the contest.

Bechtold gave his team the lead again with a three-pointer less than a minute later. Although the score was tied twice, Princeton never trailed after the 9:49 mark of the second half. El-Nokali's four free throws with under one minute remaining helped seal the win. He also drained a long three-pointer early in the second half to give Princeton a 35-26 lead, its biggest of the game.

"This was a great win," El-Nokali said afterwards. "I felt 80-85 percent going into the game. I told coach Thompson I was ready. It's tough sitting on the bench."

Bechtold was happy to finally steal a win from the Musketeers.

"For the last two years, Xavier has been a thorn in our side," said Bechtold. "It's good to get a win against them. This is a big time win for us. We were down after the Lafayette game, so this is a real big win."

Prosser wasn't so enthusiastic.

"They executed their stuff better than we guarded it, and they guarded our stuff better than we executed it," he commented. "We shot the ball poorly, and they played much better than we did. I'd rather give all the credit to Princeton."

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RIGHT PLACE, RIGHT TIME: Andre Logan had several big plays down the stretch, including this rebound and basket, in Princeton's upset win over Xavier. (Photo by Bill Allen/NJ SportAction)

Tiger Hoops

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"It came down to execution down the stretch. We couldn't hit the big shots, and we couldn't make the big stop. Again, give Princeton credit."

There were a lot of positive points in Princeton's 80-73 loss at Lafayette December 6. Walton looked strong, scoring 15 points, grabbing 11 rebounds and dishing out seven assists. Bechtold once again led the charge from the outside with a career high 23 points, while Persia finished with 14 points, and Chapman added 12.

The Tigers shot 41 percent from the three-point line, equaling the Leopards total. Princeton shot 48 percent overall from the field, also equaling Lafayette's total. Princeton won the battle of the boards 28-27.

So how does a team that matched its opponent in nearly every category lose by seven points? Poor execution and lack of defense by Princeton in the last 12 minutes of the game was the deciding factor. Time and time again the Tigers got close, but couldn't make a defensive stop on the other end of the floor.

Uphill Battle

Princeton fought an uphill battle the entire second half, after trailing 36-33 at the break. They tied the game at 43-43 on a Bechtold layup, but the Leopards quickly jumped in front 48-43 thanks to a trey by freshman Justin DeBerry, and a tip in by 7'0 center Frank Barr. He finished with 15 points, 15 rebounds and four assists.

The lead waffled between three and five points for the next few minutes before the Orange and Black staged another rally.

Princeton cut the lead to just two points, 54-52, after guard Kyle Wentz broke free for a layup with 7:25 remaining in the game. 6'10 Lafayette forward Mick Kuberka drained a three, Bechtold answered with a

layup, and Barr hit a turnaround jumper to give the Leopards a 59-54 lead.

The Tigers tied the game at 59-59 after Bechtold nailed a long trey and then converted two free throws with 3:30 left. It was their last rally.

Lafayette didn't need a lot of offense down the stretch. Most of its points came from the free throw line, where the team converted 15 straight shots after Bechtold tied the game. As a team, the Leopards were 24-of-25 from the charity stripe.

6'5 junior guard Brian Burke was 7-for-7 from the free throw line, and finished with 17 points to lead the Leopards in scoring. 5'11 senior Tim Bieg and forward Tyson Whitfield both tallied 15 points.

Princeton will battle Big East opponent Rutgers (5-2) on December 14 at Jadwin Gym. The Scarlet Knights are hungry for a win after losing

79-65 to Florida on Saturday. Last season the Tigers made their free throws down the stretch en route to a 66-60 overtime win.

Rutgers' leading scorer is 6'1 sophomore guard Todd Billet. He is averaging 18.1 points per game, is second on the team in free throw shooting with 74.4 percent, and has 20 three-pointers this season.

6'5 guard/forward Jeff Greer is shooting 50.7 percent from the field, 75 percent from the charity stripe, and has made 11 shots from beyond the arc. He is averaging 14.6 points per contest. 6'6 guard/forward Rashod Kent is scoring 11.3 points per contest.

NOTES: Princeton has almost as many three-point field goals as two pointers this season. The Tigers have 64 treys from beyond the arc, while draining 66 two point baskets.

Bechtold was named the Ivy League Player of the Week last week after scoring 27 points while shooting seven-for-16 from three point range in the First Merchants Classic. Persio scored 11 points against Weber State and shot a combined six-for-12 from three point range against the Wildcats and Ball State. He was named Ivy League Rookie of the Week.

No Tigers player has ever scored a triple double, although Walton come close against Lafayette with 15 points, 11 rebounds, and seven assists.

Walton is the first Princeton player to ever appear in five different seasons. He played five games of the 1998-99 season before having surgery on his foot. He elected to withdraw from school for the year, and returned last year as a junior. He has played with 35 different teammates during his career at Princeton.

Walton is on pace for 138 assists this season, which would be the third highest single-season total in Princeton history. He had 113 assists last year, fifth on the single season list. —Steve Allen

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Tiger Hockey's Good Showing Against Union Friday Buried by Horrid Performance Against RPI Saturday

The Dr. Jeykel and Mr. Hyde complex that plagued the Princeton hockey team a few years ago on Friday and Saturday nights has returned with a vengeance

Facing Union and RPI on consecutive nights in Baker Rink last weekend, the Tigers did almost everything right on Friday, winning a tightly contested, 3-2, triumph over Union. Twenty-four hours later you would not have recognized coach Lenny Quesnelle's skaters as the same team.

They did almost everything wrong in a decidedly lackluster outing, losing to a struggling RPI sextet, 6-2. The split personality brought back memories of the 1997-98 campaign under former coach Don Cahoon, when the Tigers had a similar problem on consecutive nights. That team eventually won the ECAC championship and reached the NCAA tournament, before losing to Michigan, so Tiger fans can only hope the similarities will continue.

"We were not ready to play — It's inexcusable," commented captain Kirk Lamb after the RPI debacle. "There's no damn way in the world we shouldn't have been ready to play. A lot of people say we're a young team. That's bull. We had just as many old guys not ready to play as young

guys. Every person has to be ready to play."

Lamb's sentiments were echoed by Quesnelle, who added, "We were not ready, not even close. That early goal gave us a false sense of thinking we were ready to play. Tonight, we didn't play a full 60 minutes and it caught up with us."

Many of the good things in evidence Friday night were nowhere to be seen on Saturday, especially during a horrendous first period that saw sloppy defense and poor goaltending. On Friday, Quesnelle had reunited Kirk Lamb, Shane Campbell and Chris Corrinet on the first line, and they responded with two goals and three assists. Saturday night they managed just one goal and one assist.

The defense, which shut down Union for most of the 60 minutes on Friday, presented RPI with one giveaway after another on Saturday, and the Engineers turned almost all of them into goals. Dave Stathos sparkled on Friday, stunk on Saturday, and was pulled in favor of Nate Nomeland after the first period.

The Tigers will have a month to think about the RPI game, and what it cost them, because the next ECAC contest won't come until Friday, January 12 against Harvard. Princeton is currently in second place in the ECAC, tied with Vermont, but that is deceiving. The Orange and Black has 10 points because it has played more league games than anyone else except Yale. The others will catch up in January when Old Nassau has exams.

Five non-league contests are next on the schedule. Next Saturday, Princeton will be in New Hampshire for a game against the Wildcats, who play in the Hockey East Conference. After Christmas, they will participate in the Badger Hockey Showdown in Wisconsin, December 29 and 30. They will face the host team in the opening round, and either Boston University or North Dakota the next night. Princeton will return to Baker Rink on Friday and Saturday, January 5 and 6 for a pair of games against Bowling Green.

ECAC HOCKEY

Thursday, December 7	Saturday, December 9
Harvard 5 Brown 3	RPI 6 Princeton 2
Friday, December 8	Vermont 5 Harvard 3
Princeton 3 Union 2	Yale 4 Union 3
RPI 5 Yale 4	Michigan 6 St. Lawrence 2
Michigan 5 St. Lawrence 1	Northeastern 3 Dartmouth 2
	UMass-Lowell 7 Colgate 2

	ECAC				Overall			
	W	L	T	Pts	W	L	T	
Harvard	5	3	1	11	6	4	1	
Vermont	5	0	0	10	7	4	0	
Princeton	4	4	2	10	5	4	3	
Cornell	4	1	1	9	5	3	2	
Yale	4	6	0	8	6	6	0	
Rensselaer	3	2	1	7	8	3	1	
Union	3	2	1	7	6	4	2	
St. Lawrence	2	1	2	6	3	7	3	
Clarkson	1	2	2	4	4	4	3	
Colgate	2	4	0	4	3	10	2	
Dartmouth	1	3	0	2	2	6	0	
Brown	0	6	2	2	1	7	2	

Thursday, December 14	Saturday, December 16
Harvard at New Hampshire	Princeton at New Hampshire
Friday, December 15	
Dartmouth at Merrimack	


Skating Dutchmen Dumped

Union came to town Friday night having not lost a game to an ECAC opponent, its 3-0-1 mark putting it near the top of the standings. But it met a Princeton team determined to prove that it could pull out close games with stellar third-period play, and grab the two points victory would bring.

"In the room during the second intermission we said this is a great opportunity for us," Quesnelle said. It's our own barn and our one-goal lead. The guys really gave a gritty effort in that third period."

His thoughts were echoed by Lamb. "When we were successful a few years ago, we'd go into the third periods with the lead knowing we were going to win," the team captain said. That's the same thing I see with this team."


Princeton went into the third period with the lead, because



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Tiger Hockey

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of the fast start it got in the first period. Chris Corrinet got things rolling with less than a minute gone when he broke in on Union goalie Brandon Snee and lifted the puck over his shoulder. Shane Campbell assisted on the play.

About five minutes later Kirk Lamb sent a cross-ice pass over to Brad Parsons, who was parked right by the side of the cage. Parsons' tap-in made the score 2-0. A defensive lapse by the Tigers cut their lead in half midway through the period. Princeton had a man advantage at the time, but a clearing pass by Union found Jason Ralphs at the blueline and he skated in alone on Stathos and sent the puck between his pads.

Leading 2-1 in the second, the Orange and Black gave up the tying goal at the 5:39 mark. A holding call against Lamb gave the Skating Dutchmen a power play and they needed only 33 seconds to cash it in. Less than a minute later, Union, which led the league in penalties until the following night (see below), returned the favor. Skating five on four, Princeton worked the puck around the ice, looking for an opening. Lamb's pass meant for Parsons near the net, deflected off the skate of a Union defenseman instead, and caromed by Snee.

That proved to be the winning and final goal of the contest. The Tigers played solid defense the rest of the way. They had the good sense to take just one more penalty, none in the final 20 minutes. The defense did not allow the visitors many quality shots, and the nine that were on target were turned away by Stathos, who had 21 saves in all.

Saturday Night Fever

When George Parros scored even faster against RPI than Corrinet did against Union, Quesnelle's troops might well have thought they were headed toward another win. Parros' goal was set up by a centering pass from Josh Roberts just 31 seconds into the contest. From then on, however, the momentum changed dramatically.

The Engineers responded with an unrelenting forechecking strategy, much like a fullcourt press in basketball, that forced the Tigers into one turnover after another. If Friday night was their best defensive performance of the season, this was the worst. It didn't help either that Stathos was certainly not at his best. The Engineers took 10 shots, and scored on four.

The first goal by the visitors came just four minutes after



BATTLE ALONG THE BOARDS: Kirk Lamb (52) and Shane Campbell battle with an RPI player for possession of the puck in first period action Saturday night. The Engineers tallied four times in the period, and went on to win, 6-2.

(Photo by Bill Allen/NJ SportAction)

Parros' score when a wrist shot by Matt Murley went through Stathos' pads. Seven minutes later a mistake by Treavor Beaney set up the next goal, and less than a minute after that a giveaway by Matt Maglione made it 3-1 for RPI. The fourth and final goal of the period came at 15:10 when Neil McCann couldn't keep up with Mikael Hammarstrom, whose quick shot again found a way through Stathos' pads.

The Tigers tried to atone for their horrible first period with more aggressive play in the second, and did outshoot RPI 16 to 10. But in the end all they did was trade power-play goals. Lamb temporarily closed the gap to 4-2 at the 4:29 mark, assisted by Corrinet and Parsons, but before the period ended RPI had made good on its man advantage.

When the Engineers added a sixth tally against Nomeland just 1:13 into the third, the game was basically over. Lamb, who should know better as the team's captain, picked up his third penalty later on. And it all came unglued when a general melee broke out. When it was over six RPI skaters and five for Princeton — Lamb, Corrinet, McCann, Parsons and Slaton — were hit with two-minute roughing and 10-minute misconduct penalties.

Fighting is often the last refuge of a beaten hockey team.

—Jeb Stuart.

SLAPSHOTS: Kirk Lamb and Chris Corrinet are second and third in ECAC scoring with 17 and 15 points. Yale's Jeff Hamilton is first with 18. Corrinet's nine goals are tops in the ECAC. With 74 minutes in penalties Saturday night, the Tigers replaced Union as the most penalized team in the league with 230 minutes.

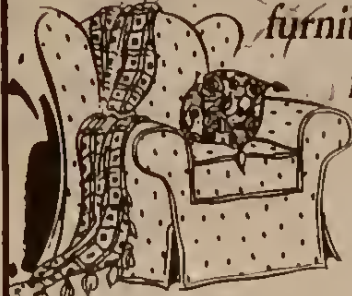
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MANN POWER! Princeton High's Mike Mann, #20, tried to slap the puck past Hopewell Valley goalie Matt Seems during Friday's game. (Photo by Charles Phoe)

Poirier Scores Five as Hun Hockey Tops Hopewell

The Hun Raiders' Jonathan Poirier is not only using opponents like an old rag this season, he is also making a mark with them, and with opposing coaches. Poirier has nine goals and five assists (14 points) so far, and has been virtually unstoppable.

Hopewell Valley goalie Matt Seems found that out on December 6, as he watched Poirier score five times in Hun's 8-2 victory. It's no secret what he can do. The Canadian-born post-graduate has carried his team to a 3-0 record, helping it outscore opponents 23-4 this season.

It took Poirier about 30 seconds against Hopewell Valley to find the net. He zipped a shot past Seems so quickly that it parted the goalie's hair. Teammate Jared Innoncenzl added a goal off an assist from Poirier, who then added an unassisted goal to give Hun a 3-0 lead after one period.

Poirier picked up a hat trick early in the second period, scoring off an assist from teammate Ross Adams. Hopewell Valley's Forrest Colvin then punched the puck into the net off a power play, and the lead was trimmed to 4-1.

Minutes later Poirier added another unassisted goal to give Hun a 5-1 lead. He turned the lights out on Hopewell Valley late in the period with his fifth goal off an assist from Connor Ryan. Hun sophomore forward Ronald Petrosky added a goal after taking a feed from teammates Michael Diverio and Michael O'Neil. Hopewell Valley added a goal, but Hun led 7-2 after two periods. Innoncenzl netted a goal in the third period off an assist from junior Brian Whitman for the final margin.

The Raiders had 46 shots on goal, and goalie Joe Lamoureux stopped 15 Hopewell Valley shots. Hun was scheduled to play at Blair on December 12, and will play in the Brooks Tournament December 15-17.

—Steve Allen

PHS Hockey Team Loses to Hopewell Valley, 6-4

Victory ... what was, what could have been, what should have been for the Princeton High boys' hockey team on Friday. The Tigers led 2-0 in the first period over division rival Hopewell Valley before surrendering the lead in a disappointing 6-4 loss.

Princeton's Kevan Graydon found the net first after taking a feed from teammate Sam Morrow, and then Jason Dia-

mond added another for what seemed to be a comfortable lead for the Blue and White. Not so fast.

Hopewell's Jay Rush took a feed from Matt Kazior and slapped the puck past Tiger goalie Travis Hall for the Bulldogs' first score.

Forrest Covin tied the score with a goal in the second period; credit forward Kerry Disbrow with the assist. Rush took matters into his own hands and scored unassisted to give Hopewell a 3-2 lead. Covin took a pass from Disbrow and scored to give the Bulldogs a 4-2 lead, and then Graydon scored unassisted to trim the deficit to 4-3 before the end of the period.

Hopewell's Jamie Maul took an assist from Disbrow and scored to give his team a 5-3 lead, and then Tim Kerr added a score off an assist, again from Disbrow, for a 6-3 margin. Princeton's Justin Lauri scored after taking a feed from Diamond, but the Tigers were unable to put any more points on the board.

With the loss, Princeton's record dropped to 1-2. The Tigers were scheduled to face off against Ewing on December 11, and Hightstown on December 12, with both games being played at the Mercer County Ice Rink. The Tigers will play Hanover Regional at Baker Rink on December 15.

—Steve Allen

PU Tiger Women Lose To Lafayette

The Princeton Tigers took another blow on the chin December 6, after losing 58-48 to Lafayette in women's college basketball action. It was the team's fifth straight loss in what is shaping up to be a disastrous first season for head coach Kevin Morris.

The Tigers committed 14 turnovers in the first half, and trailed at the half 27-16. Princeton cut the deficit to six points in the second half, thanks to a three-pointer by Maureen Lane. Lafayette's Megan Haughey gave the Leopards an eight-point lead, but the Tigers' Allison Cahill nailed a trey to cut the lead to 40-35. It was as close as Princeton would get for the remainder of the contest.

Maureen Lane led the Tigers in scoring with 17, while teammate Lee Culp added 14. Lafayette's Cristel Rocha and Kim Costello led all scorers with 18 points.

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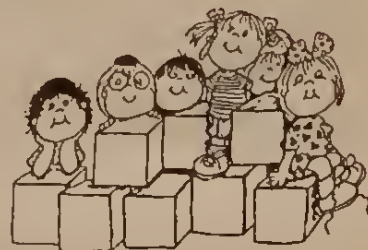
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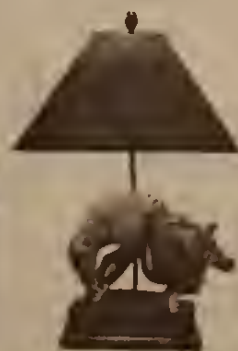
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PDS Girls' Hockey Drops 3-1 Contest to Glaciers

The Princeton Day girls' hockey team suffered its second loss last Thursday, beaten by the Glaciers Club team of Warminster, Pa.

The 3-1 defeat dropped the Panthers' record to 0-2 so far, giving further evidence that this season it will be a challenge to finish with a winning record. Next up is Pingry, which PDS defeated a year ago, 6-1, this Wednesday on the road. Following that the Princeton Day squad will play in the Canterbury Tournament, and is sure to meet some tough opponents.

In last Thursday's contest the Glaciers got on the scoreboard first with 3:05 gone in the first period. The Blue and White tied the score about four minutes later on a goal by Steph Costa, assisted by Jamie Martin and Christine Koerte.

The second period was scoreless, but the visitors came out in the third and tallied what proved to be the winning goal with just 1:37 gone. They added an insurance tally with five minutes left. Courtney Bergh faced 49 shots this time, making 46 saves, and now has made 97 saves in just two outings.

PDS Girls Basketball Splits Pair of Contests

The Princeton Day girls' basketball team rolled over Solebury last week, 55-22, but continuing a trend that began several years ago, lost to Blair, 60-43, for the second time this season. The Panthers have lost seven straight to the Buccaneers.

This week, PDS will face Pennington on Thursday, and participate in the Haverford College Sports Challenge Tournament on Saturday and Sunday.

The rout of Solebury on its home court started early with the Panthers jumping out to a 12-5 lead, which they extended to 23-12 at the intermission. A 20-point third quarter by the Blue and White made the fourth superfluous, but they played it because unlike softball there is no "mercy rule" in girls basketball.

Christina Marshall-Parr sank 12 field goals and added one foul shot to lead the attack with 25 points. A freshman, Maria Pfenninger, contributed 12 points, and Ellie Davis added nine.

The second time around against Blair just a week after PDS was whipped by the north Jersey school in the Stuart tournament produced the same result. Playing on the road the Blue and White hung in there for the first quarter, and trailed by just two points, 12-10. However, the home forces outscored Princeton Day 42-18 over the next two periods to lock up the outcome. Playing against the Blair reserves in the fourth period, PDS made the final tally more respectable.

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PDS Basketball Begins With Win, Two Losses

The Princeton Day basketball team had no trouble with Rutgers Prep in its season opener, but it was a different story for the Panthers in the Peddie School Invitational Tournament. They didn't come close to winning either contest, and now have a 1-2 mark.

In the traditional season opener against Rutgers Prep, Princeton Day continued its mastery over the New Brunswick school, winning its sixth straight. The first half was a seesaw affair with the Panthers opening an 11-5 lead in the first quarter, and the Argonauts cutting that to 20-18 by halftime.

The outcome was decided in the third period when PDS ran off 15 unanswered points during the eight-minute stretch. With the fourth quarter close again, the final score was 51-32. Eric Skaar was everywhere for the Blue and White, pouring in 32 points. No one else had more than six.

In the opening round of the PSIT, PDS was humiliated by St. Benedict's, 56-24. If the Grey Bees had cared to, they probably could have won, 100-24, but they relaxed in the second half. The first half just might be the most one-sided in the history of the sport at PDS. It trailed, 21-0 at the end of the first period, and 36-1 at halftime. Nothing more need be said.

In the consolation round, there wasn't much to cheer about either for coach Alan Taback's troops. Solebury rolled to a 58-33 victory. The game was close for one period, with the winners taking a 10-8 lead. In the second, Solebury went on a 17-4 run that pretty much decided the outcome. The score was 27-12 at halftime.

If there was any doubt, the victors erased that in the third when they outscored the Blue and White 18-8. A freshman, David Pepperman led the Panthers in scoring with 14 points.



CHOIR MEMBERS: Gabriella Feibel, a seventh grader, and Sally Kamara, a fifth grader at St. Paul's School, sang a medley of Christmas songs during the December 1 Christmas Tree Lighting Ceremony.

(Photo by Charles Phox)

This week PDS will face Blair on Wednesday and then compete in the Haverford College Invitational on Saturday and Sunday.

Hun Places Second At ANC Tourney

The Hun girls' basketball team is now 3-2 after a regular season win over Stuart, and a win over Lower Moreland in the Academy of New Church Tournament. Unfortunately the Raiders fell short against Plumstead Christian in the championship of the tournament.

Hun finished in second place at the Academy of New Church Tournament with a 52-24 loss to Plumstead on Saturday. No one scored in double figures for the Raiders. Their high scorer was Natalie Grossman, who tallied eight points. Plumstead led 19-1 after one quarter, 30-11 at halftime.

The Red and Black advanced to the championship game with a 40-36 victory over Lower Moreland. Hun trailed 19-15 at halftime, but outscored Lower

Moreland 29-17 in the second half. Senior Angela Johnson led the Raiders in scoring with ten points, while Grossman added five.

The Raiders defeated Stuart for the second time in as many days December 5, winning 40-12 going away. Hun defeated the Tartans 56-28 on December 3 to win the consolation game of the Stuart Tip Off tournament.

In this game, Hun was led in scoring by junior Monica Hammond, who finished with 10 points. Junior Alana Fares chipped in nine. The Tartans' Joia Davis led her team with seven points.

Stuart's offense was non-existent throughout, managing just three points at halftime. The Tartans overall record dropped to 0-3 with the loss.

Stuart Wins First Victory Of Basketball Season

Stuart Country Day's basketball team earned its first victory of the season with a win over Ranney December 6, but lost to Pennington December 8. The Tartans' overall record is now 1-4.

Maggie Marquis scored 27 points in Pennington's 56-40 victory over Stuart. The Tartans kept the game close, and trailed by just four points at half time. Angela Harrington scored 18 points in the loss, while teammate Joia Davis added 12.

Freshman Maya Thompson led all scorers with 25 points in Stuart's 59-29 win over Ranney. Davis finished with 13, and Harrington added 12. The Tartans were never challenged, and powered their way to the win.

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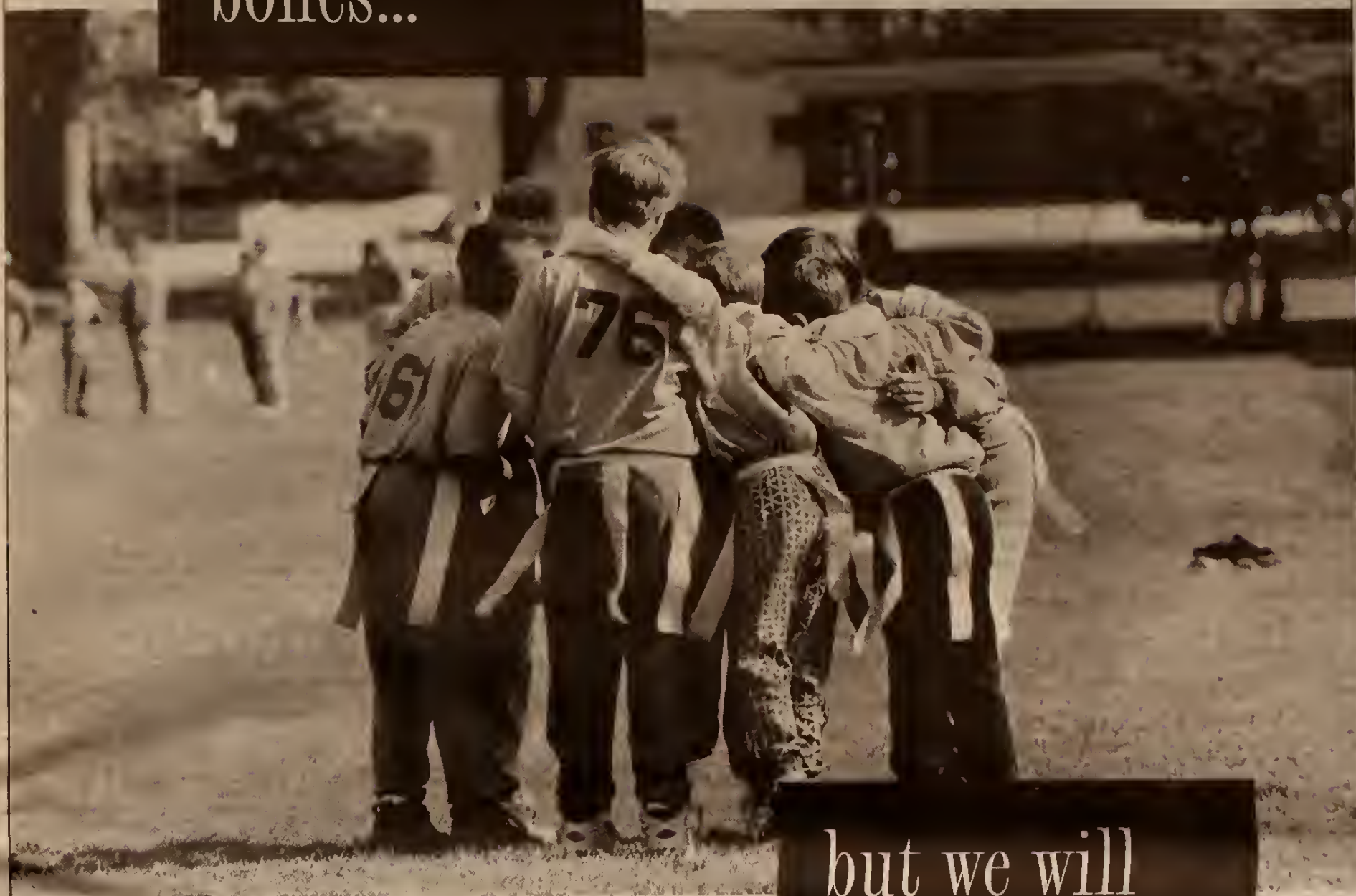
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SANTA'S HELPER: Mary Jean, age 6, of St. Paul's School, passed out candy canes during the Christmas Tree Lighting at the school on December 1.

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Hun Quintet Loses Twice At Peddie Tourney

The Hun Raiders were less than impressive at the Peddie School Tournament, losing in a blowout to Germantown Academy on Friday, and losing by seven to the host team Peddie on Saturday. The Raiders had previously won two straight, including a stunning upset over St. Benedict's during the past week.

Despite trailing 26-17 at halftime on Saturday, Hun rallied in the fourth quarter to take a 42-40 lead over Peddie with four minutes remaining in a Peddie Invitational consolation game. The Raiders' offense went stone cold afterwards, scoring just one basket the rest of the way. On the other hand, Peddie's offense got hot and the Falcons rallied for the 51-44 win.

Peddie's Kyle Jackobe led all scorers with 25 points, including six three-pointers. Teammate Floyd Morris added 15 points, and Grant Acker tallied seven.

Mike Queenan led Hun in scoring with 16 points, while Brian Giordano scored 14. He was also 6-for-6 from the charity stripe.

Versus Germantown

Many fans were heading to the exits early on Friday night, after nationally ranked Germantown jumped all over Hun in the Peddie Invitational quarterfinals. The 81-39 drubbing vaulted Germantown into the semifinals. The Raiders, on the other hand, were left to battle for a consolation win.

Hun came into the game with a 2-0 record, and looked impressive in its upset win over St. Benedict's. Michael Queenan was the only Raider in double figures against Germantown. He tied the score at 8 in the first quarter, but things went south quicker than a sled on ice.

Germantown's Matt Walsh led all scorers with 24 points, while teammate Mike Slattery added 15.

Stunning Upset

The St. Benedict's Gray Bees probably felt like there

was a lid on the basket during the first quarter of their game against Hun December 5. The Gray Bees sank only two-of-12 shots from the floor in the quarter, and never recovered as the Raiders pulled off a stunning upset at home, 54-45.

Trailing early in the game, Hun found its rhythm and sprinted to a 15-7 lead by the end of the first quarter. The Raiders kept that same tenacity in the second quarter, and opened up a 21-11 lead with just over four minutes remaining. Although the Gray Bees rallied, Hun held on to take a 26-22 halftime lead.

The Red and Black enjoyed its biggest lead of the game, a 38-27 margin late in the third quarter. In the fourth quarter, St. Benedict's tied the score at 43-43 with just over three minutes left in the contest. The Raiders stormed out to a 49-43 lead, and outscored the Gray Bees 11-2 in the final two minutes.

Queenan was high scorer in the game with 22 points, and also grabbed 19 rebounds. Giordano added 13 points, while Okafor tallied 12.

—Steve Allen

PDS Hockey Defeated By Delbarton, 6-2

The Princeton Day hockey schedule includes all the top teams in the state, and the Panthers are going to have to show plenty of improvement this winter if they hope to beat any of them.

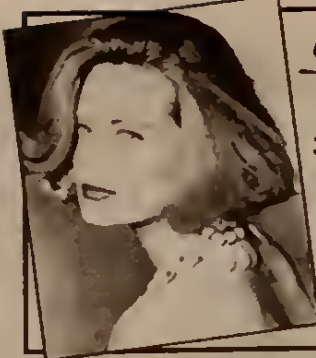
Last Friday the Panthers were whipped, 6-2, on their own ice by visiting Delbarton, one of the best in New Jersey. A contest against Malvern Prep, scheduled for last Wednesday, was postponed leaving the Blue and White with a 2-2 mark.

They'll face LaSalle College High School at home Wednesday, and Wyoming Seminary and Albany Academy, both at Wyoming this weekend. Next weekend coach Chris Barless' boys will be on the road again for the three-day Buckingham Browne & Nichols Tournament.

A year ago Princeton Day gave Delbarton a better game, losing just 3-1, but this time around, the visitors took a 3-2 lead into the third period, and scored three more times, while holding the Panthers scoreless. The contest began on a more even note with Delbarton scoring first, and PDS answering with a goal by Rich Burby, assisted by Rich Crowley and Scott Schaub.

In the second Delbarton broke the tie, this time with a pair of goals, and the Blue and White could only respond with one. Schaub tallied, assisted by Burby.

Ahead by one, 3-2, Delbarton wrapped it up in the third. The shot totals were more even, with the winners only ahead by one, 28-27. Armand Buzantian made 22 saves.



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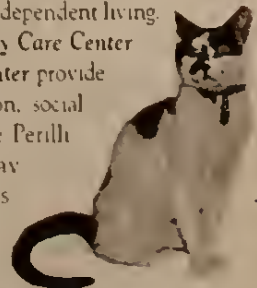
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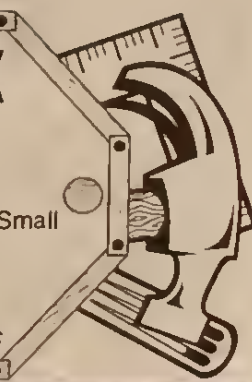
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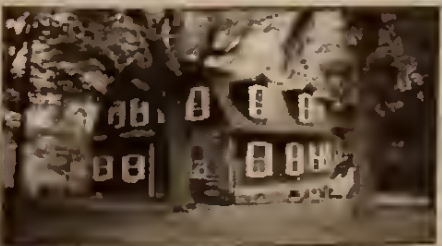
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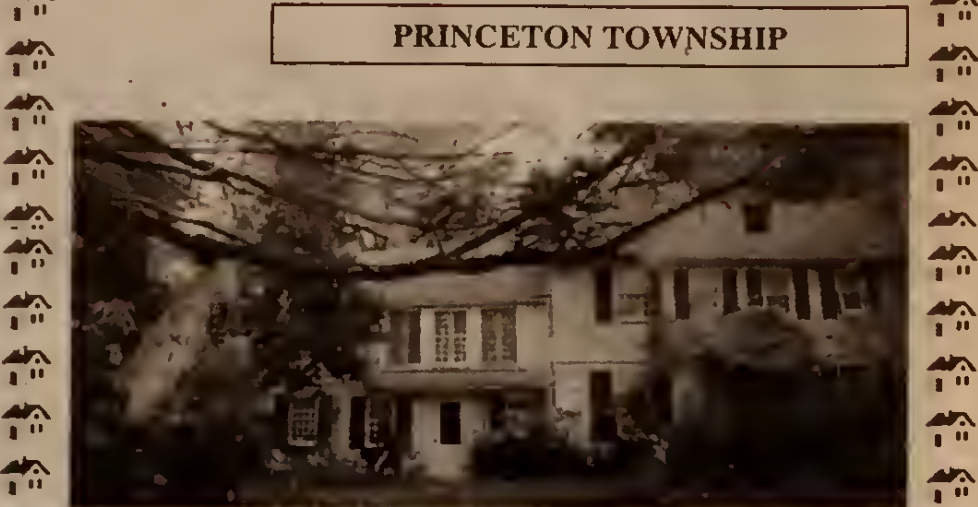
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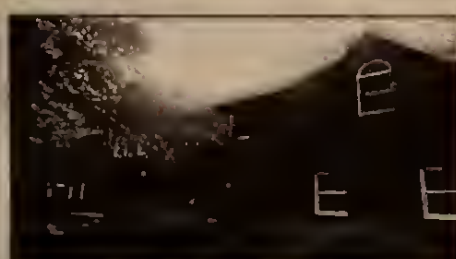
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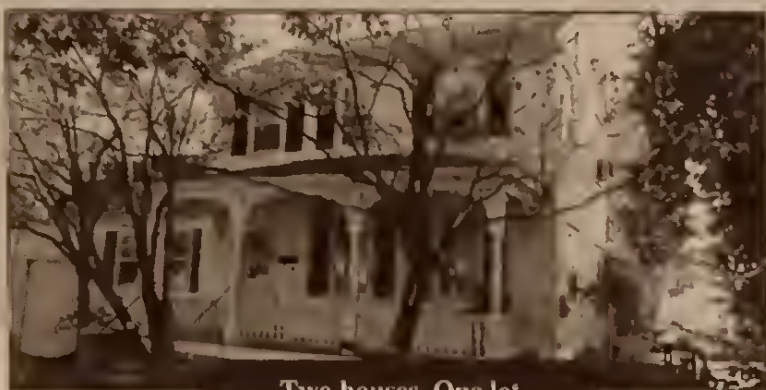
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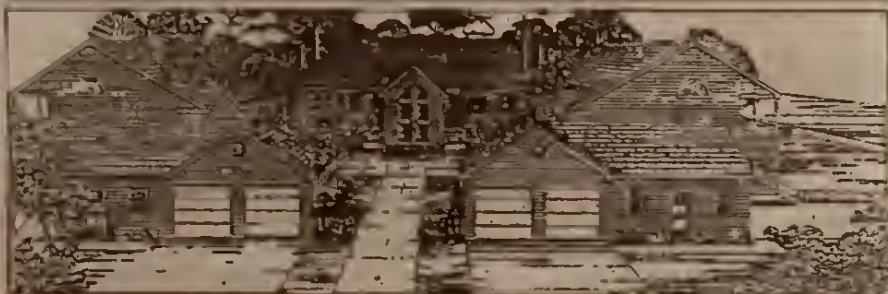
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